

Dr. DAVIDSON: However, I have to say that that is a subjective opinion, and I should say if I want to give a correct answer that the item you have already referred to, the item of Legislation, embodying as it does the work of the Parliament of Canada, is the most important.

Senator POULIOT: It is the answer that would be given by all the officials of the other departments in turn.

Senator BELISLE: Mr. Chairman, could I ask a question of Dr. Davidson regarding External Affairs?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, Senator Belisle.

Senator BELISLE: I notice on page 8 that there is \$650,000 to provide for the cultural relations and academic exchange program with the French community. I would like to know if we own property in Paris. I ask that because two years ago my daughter went to Paris to study under our own finances, and she was not permitted to enter or to live in or to receive her day-to-day board at what they call La Maison Canadienne, because she is French, but from Ontario and not Quebec.

This year my niece is in Paris and she tried every angle to get in there, but because she came from Ontario they would not permit her to enter. Is this with the Province of Quebec or is this with the Canadian Government?

Dr. DAVIDSON: Senator Belisle, I am afraid I would have to plead ignorance on this point and suggest that we can get an answer for you from External Affairs, if you wish. My impression is this is not a federal Government operation.

Senator FLYNN: I think Senator Belisle is referring to La Maison Canadienne which is operated by a trust, and it was established especially for Quebec students going to Paris. They call it La Maison Canadienne, and it is designed especially for the Quebec students. Mr. Charles Lussier was at one time director of this institution.

Dr. DAVIDSON: Yes, Monsieur Lussier, who is here now.

Senator FLYNN: He is now Assistant Deputy Minister of Citizenship, and was the general representative of Quebec in Paris. It has nothing to do with the Canadian Government or with the Quebec Government.

Dr. DAVIDSON: That is my impression.

Senator BELISLE: Would you check, please?

Dr. DAVIDSON: I will be glad to check and see that the answer is sent to you in a memorandum.

Senator BELISLE: My niece tried every way to get in, but unfortunately her being born in Ontario would not permit it.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): Mr. Chairman, on a point related to this matter under discussion, perhaps the answer to the honourable senator's question could be put in the record, to form part of our record.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that the feeling of the committee, that answers to questions such as Senator Belisle's should appear in the proceedings of our committee?

Senator MOLSON: No.

The CHAIRMAN: I think perhaps it would have to be more of a matter dealing with the particular estimates themselves. I think on this particular question it is not your wish, is it, Senator Belisle, that it appear in the proceedings?

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): I was only concerned with the principle of the thing, that during the course of our deliberations we might do that and have those answers before us.