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THURSDAY, February 19, 1959.
11 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order: before we proceed with the detail of item 200 today, I would like to bring one matter to the attention of the committee. I regret I was delayed at the first meeting on Tuesday, my train being one hour late. If I had been here I would have registered a protest at that time. The protest has to do with the report of the chairman on his trip to the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The committee has had referred to it items 186 to 213 of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. This report had to do with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

I feel, Mr. Chairman, that in the future we should limit ourselves to the items referred to this committee. We have tried to raise points in the house in the last two days and we of the official opposition have been limited by the Chair to the specific questions under debate.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Well—

Mr. ROBICHAUD: I think, Mr. Chairman, I have the right to protest the procedure followed at the first meeting. This report should have been reserved until the time when the estimates of the department of Northern Affairs are referred to the committee, because it has nothing to do with the items before us at this time.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Robichaud. I think if you had been here at that particular meeting you would have known that our agenda for that meeting was in particular to show two films which had been taken, one on my trip to the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and the other taken by the National Film Board in order to give the members some idea of the country which is being considered in the estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys as well as those of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. In fact, the pictures were, I am sure, appreciated by all the members present for that reason. I made it clear when I suggested the idea of showing the pictures, and making my statement, that probably members of the committee would be better acquainted with the north country if the statement were made first; that is the reason it was done.

Mr. STEARNS: I believe that at the first organization meeting it was put up to the meeting whether or not we should see those pictures and I think everybody said they would like to see them.

The CHAIRMAN: I hope that satisfies your inquiry, Mr. Robichaud.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: The subcommittee on agenda and procedure met at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, and unanimously agreed to submit as its second report that it recommends that the main committee meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays until it is decided otherwise.

Will someone move and second that this report be concurred in?

Moved by Mr. Slogan, seconded by Mr. McGregor.

Motion agreed to.