

EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, November 19, 1963.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum.

Perhaps we might very briefly consider the report of the subcommittee on agenda and procedure. The subcommittee recommends as follows:

1. That Miss Rachel Carson be invited to appear before the committee in the first week of December;
2. That Mr. Curran, of the legal branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare be called on the 28th day of November together with the officials of the food and drug directorate;
3. That notwithstanding the resolutions passed by the committee on August 1 and October 15, the quorum be set at eight members.

Is there any discussion on this report? If there is no discussion, would someone like to move the adoption of the report of the subcommittee on agenda and procedure?

Mr. ROXBURGH: Had we reduced our quorum we would have been at work earlier than we are.

Mr. WHELAN: If this committee gets down to a ridiculous size, then it should not meet at all.

The CHAIRMAN: As you know, the problem is that many committees are meeting at the same time.

Mr. ROXBURGH: In the meantime we are holding up these people whom we do not wish to hold up. Perhaps we should change our time of meeting, or do something.

Mr. RYNARD: I think the whole problem is in the way the committees are arranged. I, for instance, have to go to another committee meeting at 10 o'clock this morning. I think you will agree that if we have an important witness we should not have only six or seven members to hear him. Surely if we are to bring a witness all the way from Washington or somewhere else, the attendance should be a little higher.

The CHAIRMAN: There was a meeting held yesterday attended by the chairman of all the committees. This was for the purpose of discussing this problem. We are to have another meeting next week in the hope of straightening out this problem.

We will take the recommendations of the subcommittee on agenda and procedure one at a time.

The first recommendation is that Miss Rachel Carson be invited to appear before the committee in the first week of December.

Mr. ENNS: What is the purpose in asking Miss Carson to appear?

The CHAIRMAN: I think the feeling of the steering committee is that she be heard so that she might discuss the material which went into her book, and not really the book itself. Is there any further discussion in this regard? All those in agreement?

Recommendation agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: The second recommendation is that Mr. Curran, of the legal branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare be called. This