

1. That Rule 11 be suspended in connection therewith;
2. That the quorum of the said Committee do consist of five members;
3. That the said Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time, and have leave to sit while the House is in session, and also be authorized to have their proceedings and such evidence as may be taken, printed from day to day for the use of the Committee, and that Rule 74 be suspended in reference thereto; and

4. That the name "(Kamouraska)" be inserted immediately after the name "Lapointe".

After some discussion it was agreed that the quorum should consist of nine, instead of five members, as originally proposed. With this amendment the Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of Reference under which the Committee is proceeding, was next read.

THE CHAIRMAN: I cannot help thinking that it would be prudent to decide upon some rules for the government of the Committee. I have prepared a memorandum with respect to what I think should be done by those who are desirous of presenting their views to the Committee, whether representatives of railway corporations or other outside organizations. In this memorandum I suggest that such statements should be submitted in writing. I will read the memorandum in question, and should the Committee think fit to concur in my views I believe it will have the result of expediting matters very considerably. (Reads):

"In view of the importance of this Bill, which contains 461 clauses, many of these clauses containing provisions relating to complex questions of railway law, it will be absolutely necessary, in order to secure the passage of the Bill in any reasonable time, that some rules should be laid down for the conduct of the business.

"I would suggest to the Committee, therefore, that any corporation, municipal railway or otherwise, or any other interest or any other section of the community which is concerned in the character of this measure and who wishes to make representations to the Committee in connection with the Bill, should be asked to put their suggestions and arguments in support of them in writing. In this way the Committee will have before them in a tangible form the various suggestions that it will be necessary and proper for them to consider. If in any special case the committee thinks it would be wise to hear a deputation, the Committee can, upon proper application, make special provision for such a hearing, and in such an event might ask such interest to appoint one or more speakers to support their views.

"It appears to me that if everyone who is interested in this measure is allowed to come here and address the Committee an enormous expenditure of time will occur and there will be a great risk that in many cases the exact points at issue will not be clearly indicated.

"I would suggest that the Committee take up the Bill and pass it clause by clause. In this way the Committee will be able to narrow down the limits of discussion and effectively deal with most of the proposed amendments. If any particular clause should occasion unlooked-for difficulty, or if it would seem desirable to consult any interests with respect to any proposed amendment, a special arrangement can be made for dealing with such question on some particular day, when the various interests could, if necessary, be heard.

"As the work of the Committee proceeds it may be advisable to make further rules for its guidance, but in the meantime I would suggest the above as a basis for our proceedings.

"It will also be necessary for you to consider what the hours of business of the Committee should be, as it is most desirable that the convenience of