

The CHAIRMAN: It does not matter to him or his organization. They will come either of those times, at the convenience of the committee; but they cannot come on Monday.

Mr. GOODE: He can come on Wednesday?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, on Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday mornings are usually out because some party always caucuses.

Mr. GOODE: Whom does he represent?

The CHAIRMAN: He is chairman of the National Council of Veteran Associations.

Mr. GOODE: Then I would move, Mr. Chairman, that we meet on Wednesday afternoon at whatever time you prefer.

The CHAIRMAN: The usual time is 4.00 o'clock.

Mr. GOODE: Then I move that we hear this brief on next Wednesday, May 23, at 4.00 o'clock.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any seconder?

Mr. CROLL: I think that indulgence is not too much to ask on our part to make it possible for some of us to be here. Colonel Baker is always an interesting man and I think we should be present to hear him.

The CHAIRMAN: Frankly, I was trying to suit the convenience of the committee. I know that Tuesday is not convenient for a number of us, but neither is Wednesday morning. You cannot ask people to "duck" their caucuses. That is where they get their inspiration.

Mr. GOODE: Surely the opposition members should be in the House. But if it is only the presentation of a brief, I do not think it is too important. They could read it in the minutes of our proceedings the next day.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Would they miss anything if they were not there?

The CHAIRMAN: All those in favour of meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 4.00 o'clock will signify in the usual way. Those contrary, if any? I declare the motion carried.

Mr. LENNARD: I do not know why we have to sit on Monday morning. I am always here, but it must be inconvenient to some members who probably have to skip one day in the week-end.

The CHAIRMAN: We canvassed the situation pretty thoroughly at our last meeting.

Mr. LENNARD: Some times afterthought is better than forethought.

Mr. CROLL: You must go to the Senate to use your afterthought.

The CHAIRMAN: During the last Veterans Affairs committee we tried to sit on Tuesdays and Thursdays but later we found it to be hopeless, so we switched to Mondays and Fridays. Perhaps we could let it run this way for a little while. We can always change it. After that Wednesday meeting we will revert to the regular suggested hours.

When we adjourned last week we had heard the presentation of the minister, the deputy minister, and the chairman of the Pension Commission. It was suggested that we might adjourn until we had an opportunity to get the minutes of that meeting and so have something before us of a concrete nature which would permit general discussion and suggestions.

Part 2 of our Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence came out last Thursday, and I understand it is in the hands of the members. We shall be glad to engage in any discussion you wish. There is some additional information which was mentioned at our last meeting and which we are prepared to put on the record at the suggestion of members.