

Senator POULIOT: Dr. Davidson, I asked you last fall if the Treasury Board had any regulations and you answered me that there were none.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. Senator Pouliot, there was some noise over here and Dr. Davidson could not hear your question.

Senator POULIOT: Excuse me. I will raise my voice, although I find it embarrassing to do so because it could be wrongly interpreted. Dr. Davidson, I wondered if you could remember that last fall I asked you if there were any regulations for the Treasury Board and you answered that there were none. I wonder if since last fall the Treasury Board has passed any regulations.

Dr. DAVIDSON: I do not recall having said, Senator Pouliot, that the Treasury Board had no regulations, because, for example, when the Treasury Board issues a minute outlining new pay scales for certain groups in the Civil Service that has the effect of being a regulation and has to be published under the provisions of the Regulations Act.

Senator POULIOT: Yes. You told me in particular, though, that there was nothing with regard to the quorum. There were no regulations concerning the quorum. Do you remember that?

Dr. DAVIDSON: Oh, yes, yes. As to the procedure by which the Treasury Board regulates its meetings, I did say there was no regulation providing for a quorum.

Senator POULIOT: Would it be possible to have a copy of the regulations of the Treasury Board published as an appendix to the daily report?

Dr. DAVIDSON: All of the regulations that are regarded as regulations approved by the Treasury Board, Senator Pouliot, are published in the *Canada Gazette*.

Senator POULIOT: Oh, they are published in the *Canada Gazette*.

Dr. DAVIDSON: Yes. You see, every decision taken by the Treasury Board, that is under the law interpreted as being a regulation, must be published in the *Canada Gazette* by virtue of the provisions of the Regulations Act.

Senator POULIOT: In Part II of the *Gazette*.

Dr. DAVIDSON: That is right.

Senator POULIOT: Now, is there any compendium of those regulations put together for the use of the Treasury Board and other officials?

Dr. DAVIDSON: No, sir, not to my knowledge. I am afraid we may be talking at cross purposes, Senator Pouliot, because I am referring to decisions of the Treasury Board covering a wide variety of working conditions and other factors, problems for which Treasury Board has to make provision, but I think you may be talking about regulations by which the Treasury Board governs its own proceedings. Is that what you are thinking of?

Senator POULIOT: Yes, basic regulations.

Dr. DAVIDSON: The Treasury Board has no regulations governing its own proceedings any more than the Cabinet has regulations governing its own proceedings.

Senator POULIOT: But the Treasury Board is different from the Cabinet, although the members of the Cabinet comprise it.

Dr. DAVIDSON: The Treasury Board is a committee of the Cabinet, in fact.

Senator POULIOT: Yes.