

Mr. WINCH: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to take up too much time, but I have been on this for years, provincial and federal. For almost 33 years I have been on Public Accounts Committees. I know the House of Commons. I know that we cannot ask for a period of three to four weeks. If this House sits until one week before December, we will still be meeting if we are going to handle all the accounts and recommendations. Therefore, it is nonsensical—I am sorry to put it that way—it is nonsensical to ask for a period of three or four weeks when we can sit. My suggestion is that the Chairman make two reports: In the first report, he asks for an adjustment of quorum, and unanimous consent. But, in view of your remarks and statements made in the House, he should then make a further report which is separate from the first one and does not require unanimous consent because it is a notice of motion and is dealt with—I think it is in two days, if I am correct on that.

The CHAIRMAN: Forty-eight hours.

Mr. WINCH: Then it comes up for a decision in the House.

The CHAIRMAN: And it is debatable.

Mr. WINCH: It is debatable.

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Now we are on the second one which is that we be allowed to sit while the House is in session. It has been moved and seconded. It is open for discussion.

Mr. MORISON: Mr. Chairman, I feel that this is just another extension of wasting time. It seems to me since I have been here that every time we give ourselves more time we have to reconsider it. I would much sooner see this Committee reduced to ten and then hope that you would get ten eager men who want to work. We work as best we can in the time allotted to us, when the House is not sitting, and then if we find that we cannot get the work done, then go back to the House and maybe ask for time to sit during sitting hours of the House. But I think just to go back and bring in the motion again is just taking up more time in the House, and wasting time in committee.

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): We are not going to sit in Committee if we do not have to.

Mr. WINCH: Only if we have to sit while the House is sitting on account of our business or our witnesses. Then we have the right; and sitting while the House is in session will require a motion of the Committee, but only if we find that we are not making any progress when the House is not sitting. If we have witnesses that we have called in who cannot be here for another week or two weeks or a month, then we will decide, because we have the authority, to sit on that day while the House is sitting. It is not automatic that we are going to sit. I thought that was understood, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CAMERON (*High Park*): What is the possibility of the committees being constituted as they are, but not having the members spread over several