

Mr. ERVIN: This is a belt for March 22, 1962 and is part of the orders of the day. Your chairman selected this I think because he felt there would be perhaps a more representative group of voices involved.

(At this point the members listened to a recording).

Mr. ERVIN: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I could interject at this point.

This equipment, of course, has the feature of being able to be increased in speed or slowed down. If the speed is too fast for the girl and she has trouble in typing it, it can be slowed down. This is an advantage that I suggest the reporter does not have when taking shorthand. The tone can also be changed. If I may I would like to demonstrate that, and perhaps you would be good enough to use the earphones, I think you will notice this quite clearly. Unfortunately, when using the earphones the loudspeaker is cut out.

Would you be good enough to use the earphones, sir?

(Mr. Paul listens to the recording with the use of the earphones).

Mr. ERVIN: Would you care to use them, sir?

(Mr. Rinfret listens to the recording with the use of the earphones).

Mr. ERVIN: If there are difficult passages on the tape, by playing the same passage over and over again a girl can usually pick out what has been said.

Mr. AIKEN: I think if you are going to use this system you will have to provide the members with cough drops.

Mr. ERVIN: Yes. This can be controlled to some extent. I think this noise tends to be less on the tape, or at least it does not seem to reverberate quite as much as it does here.

Do any members wish to hear any other tape or a part of any other, or may I continue to play this one?

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps you would continue with the one you have, Mr. Ervin. I think the orders of the day is that period of time we want to make sure is covered satisfactorily.

(At this point the members listened to a recording).

Mr. ERVIN: I think most of you gentlemen have been able to recognize the voices of the speakers.

Mr. AIKEN: That is true as long as the tape is run at standard speed, but if you slow it down it is different.

Mr. ERVIN: The identification of the speaker is not quite as difficult as one would imagine.

(At this point the members listened to a recording).

Mr. ERVIN: Mr. Chairman, that is the end of that ten minute take. Another machine would have turned on about a minute or a minute and a half prior to that, so there would always be a minute and a half's overlap.

Would you like me to demonstrate the magnetic tape?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. ERVIN: This will enable the members to compare the fidelity of the recording of the tape against the recording of the belt.

Here is Mr. Diefenbaker introducing Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. COWAN: Mr. Chairman, did you notice how little trouble the opposition caused in 1961!

Mr. AIKEN: I noticed several questions there which were out of order!

(At this point the members listened to a recording).

Mr. ERVIN: I will not play the whole of Mr. Diefenbaker's introduction; I will switch over now to Mr. Kennedy.