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Monday, June 1, 1959 3.30 p.m.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, we now have a quorum and we can proceed. Before we do so, I think there are one or two items standing over from our last meeting.

Mr. Carter: I would like to ask for the correction of a typographical error in the minutes of the last meeting. In a statement of mine appearing on page 450, line 34, the figure 6,000 should be 60,000. That is the first one on the line.

The Chairman: The suggestion put forward by Mr. Speakman, I think, may be dealt with at the end of the meeting today when we consider our report on the Veterans Land Act and when we move into camera. Does anyone have any comments to make on that suggestion? I presume it meets with your approval. Is there any other business before we hear from the representatives of the Canadian Association of Real Estate Boards? Are we ready to consider their brief?

There are copies of it in your hands. Mr. Koyl, the president, is with us, and we welcome him to the committee. We shall be happy to listen to his brief and then perhaps after he has read it he would be willing to answer questions from members of the committee.

Now, Mr. Koyl.

Mr. D. H. Koyl, (President, Canadian Association of Real Estate Boards): I would be delighted, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any members of your organization with you today whom you would like to introduce to the committee?

Mr. Koyl: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am accompanied by the national secretary of our organization, Mr. H. W. Follows who is sitting at the far end of the room, and the chairman of our Ottawa liaison committee, Mr. Clayton Fitzsimmons, and finally, the counsel of the organization, Mr. Kenneth Binks of Ottawa.

We first appeared before you back in the 'forties when we were an organization of only 600. Today we number over 10,000 members from coast to coast, and we represent 68 local real estate boards as well as eight provincial associations.

Turning to the brief, its purpose is to discuss section 36 of the Veterans Land Act, R.S.C. 1953-54, chapter 280.

This standing committee has presently before it for consideration, bill C-50, being an act to amend The Veterans' Land Act, but there have been no proposals to amend section 36 of The Veterans' Land Act. Section 36 recites as follows:— "(1) No person, firm or corporation is entitled to charge or to collect as against or from any other person, firm or corporation any fee or commission or advance of price for services rendered in the sale of any land made to the Director, whether for the finding or introducing of a buyer or otherwise. (2) No person, firm or corporation shall pay to any other person, firm or corporation any such fee or commission or advance of price for any such services."