

Otto Thur, Dr. Sylvia Ostry and Dr. R. C. Bellan; Dr. Richard G. Lipsey, professor at the Department of Economics at Queen's University; Dr. John Crispo, Director of the Industrial Relations Centre of Toronto University, Dr. Saburo Okita, President of the Japanese Centre of Economic Research. Then, and I skip over many others, Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, Dean of the Department of Economics, Barnard College, University of Columbia, and ex-president of the group of economic advisers to the President of the United States.

Several bankers also appeared as witnesses, including Mr. René Leclerc, Chairman of the Canadian Bankers Association, Mr. Currie, vice-chairman and economic consultant to the Bank of Montreal and several others. Then Dr. Herbert Giersch, professor at the Department of Economics at Kiel University, West Germany and ex-president of the West German council of experts in economic development.

Finally, there were among Canadians, Dr. André Raynauld, a former professor of the Economics Department of the University of Montreal, then chairman designate of the Economic Council of Canada of which he is now chairman; another banker, Mr. Louis Rasminsky, Governor of the Bank of Canada and Mr. Bouey, then Deputy Governor but now Governor of the Bank of Canada.

I think this simplified enumeration of the 45 witnesses who appeared before the committee gives considerable weight to the recommendations of the committee.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Not necessarily.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Necessarily, and I do not think that just anyone in politics can proclaim himself an expert on the matter today and make ex cathedra pronouncements.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Maybe not, but it does not follow that because the committee accepted a witness its conclusions are necessarily in agreement with the witness's opinions.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: I was a member of the committee and I followed its proceedings as closely or more closely than my distinguished colleague.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Not more.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Then at least as much, but I agree that the recommendations of the committee were in line with those of expert witnesses, which again adds weight to our own recommendations. In my opinion, the government is justified in paying attention to the recommendations of such a dedicated committee, made up of senators from every political affiliation. I do not remember whether there were considerable discussions on the recommendations made.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: May I ask—

Hon. Mr. Langlois: On a point of order. My honourable friend keeps on interrupting me; I patiently listened to him yesterday, although I did not agree with him. I understand that he cannot stand being contradicted, but there is nothing I can do about changing his personality.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: It is for the sake of clarification.

No Senate committee report expects dissidence on the over-all opinion. But no dissidence is recorded in a committee.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: If my colleague wants to make a speech because he disagrees with what I am saying, well he can take my place, but I did not talk about dissidence.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: No, about discussions.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: I talked about recommendations. I limited myself to that, to the recommendations made.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: You are hinting that everyone agreed.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Moreover, I noticed yesterday that when my leader mentioned that the committee's technical adviser is now the Opposition's financial critic in the other House, he shook his head, showing to my mind that he disapproved—I cannot be categorical for I only construe his nod as meaning that it was not correct.

I have just received a note on my desk confirming that the gentleman acting as the committee's technical adviser was Mr. James Gillies, then professor at York University and now Conservative M.P. for Toronto and the Opposition's financial critic in the other House.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: You know there are those who never change their mind.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Go on, if you wish to make a speech, I can yield to you.

Hon. Mr. Denis: We would be the losers.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: That is Senator Denis' personal opinion.

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[English]

Hon. Mr. Walker: When are you going to talk about inflation?

Hon. Mr. Langlois: I am talking about it, if the honourable senator would only listen. I am sorry, I was speaking in French. I will carry on in that language, as it is my right to do.

Hon. Mr. Walker: Will you be coming to inflation? Have you a committee on inflation too?

Hon. Mr. Langlois: I hope the honourable senator noted the remark of his leader in the course of his speech yesterday. He said that a good deal of inflation was imported into Canada. I took note of it. I will not be distracted by these light observations from the other side, from people who are not prepared to see the truth. I hope that some day they will.

[Translation]

Let us go back now to the speech delivered by Senator Perrault. I continue with the enumeration of the main measures announced in the Speech from the Throne, the efforts of the Canadian government to maintain high levels of income, production and employment in order to overcome some of the supply problems which are causing prices to rise; the passing of specific measures to increase the supply of certain goods and services and to cushion consumers against sudden and disruptive price increases of essential commodities, and to prevent any group or groups from taking undue advantage of the current situation at the expense of the Canadian consumer; the development of a policy on food based on the following objectives: first, an adequate and dependable supply of