

Mr. KINDT: Mr. Chairman, may I ask you when the next meeting is to be held?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kindt, I am sorry I am not able to tell you the date of the next steering committee meeting in advance but believe me, because you are being accorded this special invitation, I am quite anxious to meet as soon as possible.

Mr. KINDT: Will you send me a notice of the meeting?

The CHAIRMAN: I certainly shall.

Mr. BREWIN: Mr. Kindt will have a voice at that meeting but will not be allowed to vote.

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): Mr. Chairman, I should like to respectfully suggest that had you made that information known at the beginning we might well have been spared the antics that have taken place.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Mr. Cameron.

I should now like to have a vote on the main motion to accept the sixth report of the subcommittee regarding the change in procedure. All those in favour please indicate in the normal fashion. All those opposed please indicate?

I declare the motion carried unanimously.

We will now continue our questioning of Mr. Bartholomew. I think Mr. Herridge was asking questions at the adjournment.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Bartholomew wishes to make certain comments on the letter to which he referred before the adjournment, following which I shall ask two or three questions.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Mr. Chairman, before we adjourned for dinner I read the comments by Mr. Martin in regard to a critique on the Columbia river treaty and protocol made by a special committee of the Vancouver board of trade. I should at this time like to make one or two comments about this commentary which the minister sent to that board of trade. In a general sense this commentary of the minister exemplifies the weaknesses throughout the treaty.

The commentary in part reads as follows:

Whereas Article XII of the treaty required Canada to request the United States to vary its operation of Libby to assist Canadian generation downstream, paragraph 5 of the protocol provides a commitment on the part of the United States that they shall 'co-operate on a continuing basis' to coordinate the operation of Libby with Canadian plants.

Now, this is what the protocol says:

The entities shall, pursuant to article XIV(2)(a) of the treaty.

That is omitted from the minister's quotation. So we now have to refer back to article XIV(2)(a) of the treaty. This is a protocol reference.

In addition to the powers and duties dealt with specifically elsewhere in the treaty the powers and duties of the entities include:

- (a) co-ordination of plans an exchange of information relating to facilities to be used in producing and obtaining the benefits contemplated by the treaty.