

suggested is the one, the 19th. Surely that is the situation, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Phillips: Mr. Chairman, . . .

Senator Flynn: I rise on a point of order. The comments of the Leader of the Government are totally out of order, interpreting the answers given by the witness. We can do that in the House. He can do that in the house if he wants to.

Senator Martin: I can do it here.

Senator Flynn: We are here to get facts and not to comment upon the answers obtained. At this point, Mr. Chairman, I personally have enough; and the only thing I would like is that I would move that the minutes of this meeting, and what will be done after I have left, be printed or typed in time for the meeting tomorrow at 11 o'clock. I would like to have them before we tackle the report of the committee.

The Chairman: I, of course, have no authority to do this.

Senator Flynn: I do not know if you have authority, but I am asking that. If I do not get it, I will not hold it against you, but I would like to have it. If you do not give them to me, it will not be a disaster. I will hold it against the ways and means of the majority in the Senate. With this, I bid you goodnight.

Senator Phillips: Mr. Chairman—and again I apologize for interrupting the meeting between you and Senator Martin—I am not satisfied with the answer I have received.

The Chairman: Would you put your question again?

Senator Phillips: I ask that the IBM people be called, be heard under oath, as to when those negotiations began. That is my motion.

Senator Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could I ask if Senator Phillips' reason for this motion is because he does not trust the statement of the public servants? You are not satisfied with the statement by the public servants, is that what you are saying?

Senator Phillips: I have had too much interference from Senator Martin to accept anything.

The Chairman: I would like you, Senator Phillips, to address the chair.

Senator Phillips: That is all right.

The Chairman: And if you have a seconder for the motion.

Senator Phillips: I do not need a seconder, in a committee. If you were chairman, you would know that.

The Chairman: You put the motion.

Senator Phillips: I put the motion that we request that the officials of IBM involved in the negotiations referred to by our witnesses appear before us, and appear under oath, and confirm the testimony given to us.

Senator Thompson: I would like to speak on the motion.

Senator Cameron: So would I.

The Chairman: Senator Cameron has asked to speak first. I am sorry, Senator Thompson.

Senator Cameron: Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the question or the procedure Senator Phillips is suggesting, but I would suggest that this is the first time in sixteen years in the Senate that I have seen a member of a committee attempt to discredit senior public servants. I think there is an imputation here that cannot go unchallenged, that he is seeking to discredit senior officers employed by the Government of Canada. I do not like that sort of situation, and I am prepared to oppose it in every way possible.

Senator Phillips: Mr. Chairman, I am not discrediting any senior civil servants. It is quite normal, quite customary, to ask from an outside witness that they give evidence under oath. If I am wrong, the Law Clerk will tell me I am wrong, and I will be the first to accept that.

The Chairman: I am sure that your proposal is quite in order, Senator Phillips; but some other senators want to speak on the motion, and Senator Thompson is going to speak.

Senator Phillips: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, is my motion debatable?

The Chairman: I think it is. I put the motion.

Senator Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I asked Senator Phillips why he wanted the IBM officers, is it because he did not think he had the facts from the public servants, and he said that was the case. I, like Senator Cameron, feel that this is an insulting remark to senior public servants who have a record of serving Canada so loyally and with such dedication. I resent the implication or the suggestion he makes concerning their integrity, and I will not support his motion.

Senator Phillips: Mr. Chairman, I am sure you will allow me to reply to an unfair accusation from Senator Thompson. As much as I admire the gentleman, he has misinterpreted my remarks. I said I wanted, not the civil servants under oath—I did not ask that—I asked the IBM . . .

The Chairman: Your motion was quite clear. It has been put, and now we have to vote on it.

Senator Langlois: Mr. Chairman, how can we vote on a motion to call a witness and we do not know his name? If we call all the IBM people here, we will have quite a crowd.

Senator Phillips: Well, call them.

The Chairman: I think we can vote on the principle of it.

Senator Langlois: I suggest that the motion is out of order. It is too general in its terms. Is it to call the president of IBM, or the general manager in Canada or in the United States?

The Chairman: He said the man who was dealing with this.