

Mr. Mansur has favoured the committee this morning with a very comprehensive statement. He has touched on all these questions and I am wondering now if we would not achieve the most orderly method of procedure if, instead of following the suggestion of the steering committee, we took Mr. Mansur's statement, perhaps have some general questions, and then take it page by page; have the chairman call the sections one after another and page by page?

Mr. SINCLAIR: I would support Mr. Fleming in everything except one observation—that is that we meet this afternoon. I would like to read this material tonight. Listening to it being read by Mr. Mansur has given a general impression but I think all of us would like to read this thing over in our own rooms tonight rather than to have another meeting this afternoon.

I think we could cut down the meetings to perhaps no more than two a week.

The CHAIRMAN: I think most of us have formed a revised opinion of how we should proceed and I will frankly tell the committee what is in my mind. I was wondering whether a middle of the road course might not perhaps make a better record. By that, I would suggest we go through Mr. Mansur's presentation this morning page by page, and that committee members would simply ask questions to clarify that presentation—that is to fill in the gaps.

When you come to rental insurance, for instance, if any member of the committee wants more information on that subject as to the manner in which the corporation works and as to the percentages and interest rates and all that sort of thing, he may ask about it. We would first go through the report, and augment it by questions. When we have completed that general study of the report, we would have a real intensive study on the three main points suggested by the agenda committee. Then we would follow on. Many members of the committee I know have individual problems that have cropped up in their ridings on which they want to ask Mr. Mansur questions, but they will be here, there, and all over the place. I would suggest that they be left until the last.

Now, as to sitting this afternoon, I agree that this is a very comprehensive report and we will all want to study it. I would think if we would not meet this afternoon we should plan to meet tomorrow afternoon. We cannot meet Wednesday morning on account of caucus, but we could meet tomorrow afternoon for the general questions to augment or clarify the report.

Mr. MALTAIS: Referring to individual problems in our own ridings, I presume it would be well to clarify those if they have relation to the statement made this morning.

The CHAIRMAN: I am afraid it would throw the gate wide open for individual problems and that we will not be doing the important part of our duty—I really think they should come last.

Mr. PICARD: How would you proceed with that, if I may ask? You will just go item by item on the questions of principle and then you will ask us at another meeting whether we have some items to deal with personally for our own constituencies?

The CHAIRMAN: What I had in mind is that we would first have general questions wide open to the committee to clarify our own minds regarding the report.

Mr. PICARD: Questions of principle.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, and not dealing with problems in the riding. Then, when we come to the three main headings that the industry is suffering from outlined by the steering committee, there again I would hope that we would