

The CHAIRMAN: We are going into recess and if we are to hear experts in this field, we must approach people now. We cannot approach them the day before an examination, because those people are extremely busy.

Mr. MACKASEY: You can appoint anybody you wish to come in order to get on with it.

The CHAIRMAN: Will this Committee give power to the steering committee to hire people?

Mr. ROXBURGH: After all we have gone through today, surely we have enough confidence in the steering committee. After all, what is the use of having a steering committee otherwise. Let us give them the power to do as they see fit, and if they want to put both feet into it, they will get it after we come back.

The CHAIRMAN: All we might do otherwise is to write every member of the Committee and ask for his approval.

Mr. MACKASEY: I am prepared to leave it in the hands of the steering committee.

Mr. ROXBURGH: I move that the steering committee be given the power to go ahead with this business right now.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there a seconder that the steering committee have the power?

Mr. MONTEITH: I second the motion.

Mr. WHELAN: I will move an amendment to the motion. I believe the whole Committee should have the right to interview these people, and I think it should be left to the Committee as a whole to make the final decision about it. This group will not be doing anything while we are in recess, or do you intend to have them work while we are in recess?

The CHAIRMAN: No, that is not my intention. My point is a very simple one: if we do not approach these people and give them about three months notice, the Committee will not end up with any counsel at all.

Mr. MACKASEY: Can the steering committee meet and make a recommendation, and we can poll the Committee members afterwards by mail?

The CHAIRMAN: I am willing to do this instead of having a meeting, because we will not be here. The Committee clerk can write every member.

Mr. ROXBURGH: What more would any of us know if you did poll us on behalf of Jim or Joe? What would we know then that we do not know now? After all we are a democratic country so let us get along with it, and vote on it.

The CHAIRMAN: I think your amendment is really unnecessary, because all you have to do is vote against the motion and you will accomplish the something, Mr. Whelan. I would be quite willing to poll all the members of the committee by mail.

Mr. MONTEITH: Is it not reasonable that the only one who will be working on this during the recess is the Chairman? Why does he not go ahead and do this thing, and then poll everybody to see if his recommendations are acceptable.

Mr. ROXBURGH: How many are there on the sub-committee?

The CHAIRMAN: There are seven.