

Mr. HADASZ: It is just a recommendation that the committee—

The CHAIRMAN: What we can do is to make known to the House that the suggestion of the clerk is that early reconstitution in the new session can best be done by talking to the House Leader and bringing it up in each caucus in the new session. A report to the House now would not commit the government in the new session. We will do that; we will do exactly as he suggests, and as Mr. Orlikow suggests.

Mr. HADASZ: Do you not think that on the records in the House of Commons we should at least advise this Parliament that this Committee has visited these two reserves, noted several problems that need further study, and ask Parliament—Let us call it an interim report.

The CHAIRMAN: That is the same thing, Mr. Hadasz. We have no quorum.

Mr. HADASZ: Can we table a statement?

The CHAIRMAN: Really, there is no point in our sitting here today, other than for just passing back and forth information for the members who are here.

Mr. HADASZ: I have seen other committees sit with only three or four members.

Mr. ROXBURGH: Five is the quorum.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we will take into consideration the very valuable suggestions made here this morning, and where action has to be taken—

Mr. HADASZ: Do we need two people? We can bring them down.

The CHAIRMAN: Get them. The House opens in five minutes.

Mr. DINSDALE: I think the procedure that has been suggested by the clerk is about the only way to bring attention on it in the new session. You can ask questions in the House of the House Leader; when will this be reconstituted? Because otherwise, it is just a recommendation.

The CHAIRMAN: I think what we should do is consult with the various House Leaders; you with yours, and each party with his own House Leader, to see if they can get unanimity on the procedure. If not, perhaps then we will ask the question in the House.

Mr. BARNETT: I had quite a little chat with George McIlraith not too long ago about this very question and with this particular committee in the back of my mind. The government House Leader is in the position where he can agree to it, but unless all parties are prepared to put their list of names in at least to the striking committee—it is not directly in his control—I cannot see any reason why the government should object to the—

The CHAIRMAN: I would go along with that, and if we wanted to do something constructive—after the recess the committee will still be empowered to sit until prorogation, and I do not know when prorogation will come—perhaps we should inquire into the St. Lawrence Seaway and bring them before the committee before the prorogation to find out what is going on with those Seaway claims.

Mr. BARNETT: I think this is something of immediate—