

The CHAIRMAN: I would anticipate that if we receive replies the views expressed by some attorneys-general, or many, would be to stress the powers of the provinces.

Mr. MICHAUD: Absolutely.

The CHAIRMAN: And the lack of power of the dominion.

Mr. HACKETT: That is the problem.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is well we have that. Is there any further discussion? Let me read the resolution again, because this is what the clerk is going to say in his letter, and when they write me I am going to write back and just simply refer them again to the terms of the resolution here. The resolution is that the clerk of the committee write to the attorneys-general of the provinces and to heads of law schools requesting views and opinions on the question of the power of the parliament of Canada to enact a comprehensive bill of rights applicable to all of Canada, and that such written views be forwarded to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. HACKETT: Is it understood there will be wording in the letter to the effect that it is quite likely that the gentlemen who receive these letters will be invited to come here to discuss their opinions?

The CHAIRMAN: I doubt whether we can go that far.

Mr. HACKETT: We have not got the power, but we are going to express the hope.

Mr. CROLL: If we do that some of them who will be reluctant to express an opinion will wait until they are called. I think we had better wait until later and invite them nicely. They will come.

The CHAIRMAN: The clerk suggests that in the letter the clerk include a copy of the evidence of the committee to date so they will know what we are talking about.

Mr. MICHAUD: I agree with that.

Mr. HANSELL: I think you could add a suggestion that the committee is reporting that a similar committee should be formed next session so that we would be hoping to have their replies in some detail in order that the committee next session can work on it.

The CHAIRMAN: We have not made that report yet.

Mr. HANSELL: No, but we anticipate we will.

The CHAIRMAN: Should we not send that to them when it is passed?

Mr. CROLL: If we are going to send them the record of this meeting let us pass a resolution today recommending that another committee be set up. Then that will be a part of the record. That is the general opinion, anyway.

The CHAIRMAN: That would be a part of the report.

Mr. CROLL: One of our recommendations in the report will be that we recommend that the committee be set up again. That is the general opinion.

The CHAIRMAN: The report of the steering committee has been adopted and that was a part of the proceedings which will be forwarded.

Mr. CROLL: You say that has been adopted?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. CROLL: All right, I thought it was a recommendation to be considered but it is all right.

The CHAIRMAN: Those in favour of the resolution will say "yea". Contraminded, "nay". Motion carried. It is understood then that the clerk will send them a copy of the proceedings to date.

Mr. HANSELL: All proceedings?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is right.