

**The Chairman:** It has been traditional in the past that 1,000 copies of the minutes are printed. If there is something unusual, that can always be changed. May I have a motion to that effect?

**Mr. Henderson:** I so move.

**Mr. Angus:** I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

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**The Chairman:** The next usual motion is that the chairman be authorized to hold meetings to receive and authorize the printing of evidence when a quorum is not present, providing that four members, one of whom must be the chairman or vice-chairman, are present. That was the motion we had last time in terms of hearing evidence, and it really is to the benefit of all. It means that you can hear evidence without necessarily holding up witnesses who have come from afar if opposition members, who have many bases to cover, cannot get here. Once the voting comes, you must have a full quorum.

**Mr. Angus:**

**Mr. Angus:** I will move that motion, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** Thank you very much, Mr. Angus. I am glad the experience has been a great educator.

It is moved by Mr. Angus and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Agreed?

Motion agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Reid is here. Now, this is where the steering—

**Mr. Reid:** I was going to ask a question, but maybe you are going to lead to it, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** I was going to consider it, because I know we have talked about it and it has been in the public domain that this standing committee strike a subcommittee to study the St. Lawrence Seaway.

**Mr. Reid:** Mr. Chairman, I was wondering whether you could bring us up to date as to the earlier proposed establishment of what might be deemed a subcommittee of this committee to study the great benefits and adverse conditions of the St. Lawrence Seaway. I do not know whether this is something that falls into the domain of the steering committee or not, but I think perhaps not. I think perhaps it is going to be a question of consideration by a higher authority.

It is rather important, Mr. Chairman, and I would hope that, one, you can bring us up to date, and two, in a favourable manner.

**The Chairman:** Mr. Gray.

**Mr. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine):** May I make a suggestion, Mr. Chairman, because we are restrained for time this afternoon, that we hold a steering