

suggestions before us for consideration. That would not preclude members from amending anything as they run through the bill; but it would help us to organize our work better.

I doubt if we can have a meeting of this committee before next Wednesday, and that will give you ample time to put in writing any suggested amendments to the bill and matters on which you would like an expression of opinion of the committee to be taken by vote.

I hope we can run through the bill quickly, and then, possibly, any of these motions, where the matter of a recorded vote is required, may be taken up. I am open to suggestions as to the better way of handling the business of the committee.

Mr. MURPHY: As to the proposals as submitted, were any of them considered, or are they based on consideration by the committee last year.

The CHAIRMAN: No, they are wholly minor re-wordings and matters of that kind.

Mr. MACINNIS: Is there any reason why we should not meet on Monday? Wednesday morning is not a very good time for a committee meeting, because, on that day most of the parties hold their caucus meetings. That is the day we hold ours.

The CHAIRMAN: I did not suggest that we meet on Wednesday. We cannot meet on Monday or Tuesday. But I think the time we may lose can be gained by studying the proposed changes in the Act and by drafting any amendments you want.

Mr. MACINNIS: Two of the very good members on this committee are also members of the Industrial Relations Committee.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Almost every committee meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, while on Mondays and Fridays nothing is done.

The CHAIRMAN: I myself find that Mondays and Fridays are the best days to meet; but there are reasons why we cannot meet on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Mr. MACNICOL: I find that Mondays and Fridays are wasted days. I am here myself, and I think those who are here should really be the ones to say. Perhaps we could consider that later on. You are suggesting now next Wednesday?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. MACNICOL: Then I move that we have our next meeting on Wednesday next.

Mr. MACINNIS: Did you say you could not be present on Monday, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: No, I did not say that at all. What I said was that there were reasons why we could not meet on Monday and Tuesday of next week. But after that we would probably meet at odd times which would fit in with these other committees.

Mr. MACNICOL: We could always take a show of hands when a meeting is over. I will move that we meet next Wednesday.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you leave it to my discretion to fit in time? I shall decide on Tuesday, for either Wednesday or Thursday, to suit everybody.

Mr. MURPHY: Wednesday morning is our party's caucus.

The CHAIRMAN: I know. But the main thing is to advance the work of the committee and get into my hands, as soon as possible, your amendments to the bill.