

report. It did not have time to proceed with anything else. Therefore the follow-up memorandum brings this matter up to date here and also gives later information with respect to things carried forward from 1961. I hope this clarifies it.

Mr. OLSON: My point is that the Chairman has suggested that we have a motion to put this report before us and to deal with it after we have considered all the items in it, and that we might give priority to it.

Mr. WAHN: I am a new member of the committee. Referring to what you said at the beginning, I gathered that the only power of this committee is to make a report, and that we have no sanctions to enforce recommendations made in that report. I gather that these recommendations with regard to staff have been made on a number of occasions, and that all possible publicity has been obtained for them.

As a new member I would like to find out more about how the committee works, what its job is, and various matters considered by the committee. I can see where we could spend a great deal of time rehashing what has already been rehashed three times with respect to staff problems. But all we could do would be to confirm a report which has already been made three times. Moreover those of us who are new members of the committee would not have an opportunity to obtain any great insight into the purpose and functioning of the committee apart from this one particular problem. While I appreciate the problem, it seems to me that the recommendations have been made by committees on several occasions and there is nothing we can do as far as the Civil Service Commission is concerned. I wonder what useful purpose there would be to make a fourth recommendation adding to the three already made on the same subject, when it would only take up a great deal of time. I suggest the committee get on with its real job first.

Mr. MCMILLAN: I agree. We could give this priority, but I would like to know when former recommendations are made, if the Civil Service Commission or the then minister of finance was called before the recommendations were made?

Mr. WINCH: Yes, we had officer after officer appear before us over a long period of time.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other comments? There is a motion before us made by Mr. Hales? Is it in the form of a motion, or rather merely a suggestion, Mr. Hales?

Mr. HALES: I make it in the form of a motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you mind putting it in writing so that we can deal with it.

Mr. MUIR (*Lisgar*): While I realize the importance of this particular problem, I am more or less inclined to agree with you, sir, that we go through the recommendations and the report of the Auditor General, and while we could give high priority to the idea of his being able to get his own people, we study or take it up in sequence; otherwise I think the committee would become bogged down with a lot of detail which we could probably avoid if we took it up as suggested.

The CHAIRMAN: I hope that when motions are made we can have them in writing. This would be in conformity with the rules and it would probably make the duties of the Chairman a little easier, because it would let us know precisely what is moved.

Mr. STARR: I think we would get bogged down with too many ideas on how to proceed. The problem is that the Auditor General's office has 18 members short of what he considers to be the full complement. The problem lies in the recruitment of the Civil Service Commission. Some of us know through experience, know how long it takes the civil service to recruit a staff for any