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The Charman: Gentlemen. I may say at the outset that I apologize for the meeting being at one o'clock. As you know, I was not here for a while last week and it was my understanding when I left that we had the eleven o'clock hour. However, I was informed by my secretary on Thursday that we did not; we were scheduled for one o'clock. I do not know the reason for this change, and I am a little annoyed about it because ordinarily if wer were going to sit at one o'clock it would seem proper to me to inform the committee in advance and get their views on it.

However, I was in touch indirectly with Mr. McCutcheon and it was agreed that we would attempt to assemble the members today so that we could proceed with this meeting. At the end of this meeting we can decide whether we will sit again at one o'clock on Thursday. In the meantime we will certainly try to get a better hour for Thursday. We do have better hours for next week. So again I apologize for that and also to the officials. I know some committees have sat at one o'clock and I suppose there is nothing wrong with that except it seemed to me if we were going to sit at that hour we ought to have the opportunity beforehand to decide amoung ourselves that we wanted to do this.

Now, at our last meeting we were questioning generally on the votes in connection with water policy, and I am not sure whether Mr. McCutcheon had concluded the first round of questioning. There was one other gentleman who had questions on water policy, namely Mr. O'Keefe, who will be here later.

Mr. McCutcheon: Mr. Chairman, I was in the middle of my questions on the first round when we adjourned.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like to continue?

Mr. Andras: Are we dealing with vote 25?

The Charman: No. For the sake of expediency, we called all of the officials concerned in the area of water policy together so that we could question them. we have had one full day of questioning on this. So if it is your wish before the day is over to pass some of those votes, that is the ones on which the members have had a full opportunity to ask questions, and just continue on with some of the specific votes, that would be completely in order.

You were questioning on votes 75 and 80, I believe, is that right?

Mr. McCutcheon: There are also a few questions I would like to ask under vote 80.

The CHAIRMAN: I might just bring this to the attention of the committee now. It seems to me that votes 25 and 30 are in a slightly different area. This is