

Mr. GILMORE: Yes.

Mr. FISHER: I gathered the intention of the question was to do away with network broadcasting.

Mr. CHAMBERS: No, at night in urban areas.

Mr. McGRATH: I did not hear the reply to the cost of the dominion network to the corporation.

Mr. GILMORE: I think I gave it. It is a net cost—or a net saving, if you discontinued the service, taking everything into consideration, of somewhere between \$300,000 and \$350,000.

Mr. McGRATH: I am sorry, I should have been listening more closely.

The CHAIRMAN: Any more questions on dominion network.

Thank you very much, gentlemen.

You have a question of privilege, Mr. Johnson?

Mr. JOHNSON (*Chambly-Rouville*): I do not want to delay the committee too much, so I will read a little statement here.

(*Mr. Johnson continuing in French.*)

The CHAIRMAN: May I have the translation, please, and then Mr. Brassard.

Mr. JOHNSON (*Chambly-Rouville*) (*Interpretation*): Mr. Chairman, I wish to refer, on a question of privilege, to something that has arisen, an incident that has arisen in the newspapers. This incident which, furthermore, is unimportant, seems to have been unfortunate for my colleagues, Mr. Brassard and Mr. Tremblay, and myself. It arises from what proceeded on Tuesday, July 7, 1959, and it was implied in the *Canadian Press* despatch of July 8, 1959.

The facts are as follows: at a certain moment, while the committee was discussing item C, examination of general principles in connection with political and discussion programs, I put a question which the chairman of the committee considered out of order, pointing out to me that I could raise the question under a subsequent item.

Subsequently I objected to a question put by Mr. Brassard, as the question struck me as another supplementary to my own. There followed a cross fire of remarks between Mr. Brassard and myself. They were carried on in a jovial, humorous and gentlemanly spirit, and all this, incidentally, in the French language. It being in French, I am under the impression that the chairman of the committee thought that we were carrying on a discussion which was out of order.

Mr. Tremblay then put another question which gave rise to some laughter, notwithstanding the serious nature of his question. It was at this point that the chairman, who seemed to be addressing Mr. Tremblay more than Mr. Brassard and myself, made the remarks which are reported in the newspapers to the effect that we did not seem to take the work of the committee seriously, and in which case we should resign.

At this point I made a remark in English, this time to the effect that I in no way considered the committee's work as lacking in seriousness.

After the meeting was adjourned the chairman explained to me that his remarks had resulted from a misunderstanding, which was complicated by the language barrier.

I want this statement of mine to be put in the file or on the record because I am still receiving charitable comments from my colleagues in this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it agreed to have this statement in the record?

Agreed.