

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, April 6, 1954.

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The Standing Committee on External Affairs met at 10.30 o'clock a.m. this day. Mr. L. Philippe Picard, Chairman, presided.

Members present: Miss Aitken and Messrs. Balcer, Boisvert, Canon, Cardin, Coldwell, Crestohl, Croll, Fleming, Garland, Gauthier (*Lac St-Jean*), Green, Henry, James, Jutras, Kirk (*Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare*), Knowles, Low, MacDougall, MacInnis, Macnaughton, McMillan, Nesbitt, Patterson, Pearkes, Picard, Pinard, Richard (*Ottawa East*), Starr, Stick and Studer (31).

In attendance: The Honourable L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs and Messrs. R. A. MacKay, Acting Under-Secretary of State, R. M. Macdonnell, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Arnold C. Smith, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Chairman read the Orders of Reference.

On motion of Mr. MacDougall,

Resolved,—That the Committee ask permission to print from day to day 600 copies in English and 300 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence.

On motion of Mr. Stick,

Resolved,—That the Committee ask leave to sit while the House is sitting.

After discussion, and on motion of Mr. Coldwell,

Resolved,—That a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be appointed comprising the Chairman and 8 members to be designated by him.

At this stage, the Chairman called the attention of the members to a demonstration which was being made at this meeting to record the proceedings on a sonograph magnetic tape recording machine.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs having arrived, the Chairman called Vote 90—Canadian Representation at International Conferences—and Mr. Pearson made a brief statement on

1. The agenda of the next meeting of the NATO Council.
2. The invitation to Canada to attend the next Geneva Conference (text to be given at the next meeting).
3. Dulles' recent statements.
4. Indo-China conflict.
5. Hydrogen experimental explosions.
6. Quebec agreement of 1943 between Churchill and Roosevelt on atomic energy control (text to be given at the next meeting).

Mr. Pearson was questioned.

After discussion, the Committee adjourned at 12.30 o'clock p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

ANTONIO PLOUFFE,
Clerk of the Committee.