

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): I think we can do it quite easily. I think one or two words will make it very clear. I had the same understanding that you have, that when you have a brief to consider or a witness before you you can discuss it with the witness.

Mr. FRANCIS: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that we agreed we would go through the bill itself just to gain an understanding and to obtain an explanation, but beyond that we should look at it.

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): It is intended to go through the bill with the officials of the departments who will be involved in the carrying out of the bill.

Probably you would like to suggest a proviso, Senator McCutcheon, which we can add to this.

Hon. Mr. McCUTCHEON: If a limitation is imposed on a first meeting with the officials going through the bill clause by clause then one does not need to say anything further.

Mr. MONTEITH: Yes.

Mr. MUNRO: I would suggest merely the addition in the second paragraph of the words "not to be interpreted as any limitation on discussion of policy and principle when all the representations and briefs are before the committee."

Hon. Mr. McCUTCHEON: No, you are going to discuss it at the time they are before the committee, not when they have all been before the committee.

Mr. MUNRO: That can be added.

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): Would the words "this limitation applies to the preliminary discussions with departmental or government officials" satisfy you?

Hon. Mr. McCUTCHEON: Yes, that is right.

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): May I have a motion?

Mr. MONTEITH: I move the reception of the report as amended.

Hon. Mr. McCUTCHEON: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): It has been moved by Mr. Monteith and seconded by Senator McCutcheon that the report of the steering committee as amended be adopted.

Mr. LLOYD: What is the amendment?

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): The amendment is to add the words "this limitation applies to preliminary discussion by departmental officials only."

When they are before us we are not going to discuss matters of policy involved in their evidence. They will just give their evidence of the details of the bill itself, the interpretations they place on the various clauses, the legal meanings of the various clauses, and things of that kind.

While I am writing this amendment I would ask Dr. Willard to explain to Mr. Chatterton the situation in regard to the white paper.

Dr. J. W. WILLARD (*Deputy Minister of Welfare, Department of National Health and Welfare*): Mr. Chairman, we find we have a good supply of copies of the white paper. If members of the committee wish to have copies the clerk of the committee will see they are supplied.

Mr. CHATTERTON: At 50 cents a copy?

Mr. WILLARD: I think this is perhaps a matter for the committee and the department to work out. I am sure the minister would have no objections to the members of this committee—who after all are dealing with this matter in detail and will have many questions asked of them—having the same privilege in terms of the use of these copies as the department normally would have.

The CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): Is that satisfactory, Mr. Chatterton?