

why I thought that this is a problem which should be fixed one day and I asked if your people had an opinion about it. If they do not bother about it I think this would be the right time to fix this rather than in 10 or 20 years' time when that will become a big problem.

Mr. LANG: I can assure you there will be no problems there. That is my opinion at least.

Mr. TURNER: Except that your people have not thought about it yet.

Mr. GREGOIRE: It is time to settle the problem now.

Mr. TURNER: We could have Mr. Gregoire as a witness later.

Mr. GREGOIRE: Suppose we wanted to build a wharf. We could not build it there because this is your territory.

Mr. GRAY: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman; my question of order is this. While I think Mr. Gregoire does have some merit in his argument, this is a question we should consider to one extent or another some time during the course of our deliberations. However, I do think that in view of the fact that this witness represents an area which, in my opinion, looks like several thousand miles away from the area Mr. Gregoire is discussing, I think it would be more in order if this line of questioning were directed either to an elected representative from that section of the Arctic.

Mr. RHEAUME: There is none.

Mr. GRAY: Or then to some appointed officials of the department who are concerned with these problems and also in due course to our own discussions on the evidence that has come before us. I think we are being unfair to this witness who has been so kind as to give us the benefit of his experience in the north at great length, to press him for a detailed discussion of something with which he has had no opportunity to become familiar and which it is not his responsibility to be familiar with.

Mr. GREGOIRE: I have finished with my questioning.

The CHAIRMAN: May I make a remark for the benefit of the committee? No doubt the answer was limited and Mr. Gregoire said he has completed his questions pertaining to what any witness may think of the opinion or thoughts of other people. This would not be in order because it is hearsay evidence and it is of no help to the committee to ask a man what he thinks about what other people think.

Mr. GREGOIRE: He is a member of the council.

The CHAIRMAN: We would try to obtain from one man the opinion of thousands.

Mr. GRAY: I would also like to raise a question of privilege. Mr. Gregoire indicated that the boundaries of the territory of Nunassiq would surround the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Coming from a far southerly boundary of the province of Ontario, the city of Windsor, I hope it can be clarified at this point whether this is really a fact, because if so then I should perhaps consult my own constituents as to the implications in this. I have not been aware that the territory of Nunassiq would surround the southerly portions of the province of Ontario.

Mr. NIELSEN: On the observations raised by yourself, in my opinion this committee should not be treated as a courtroom, and while hearsay evidence is not admissible in court, this committee I feel is sitting here to gather the feelings of the people of the territories about these bills. The best method available to us at the moment is through the elected representatives of those people.

Mr. TURNER: I should like to speak on that same point of order, Mr. Chairman. I know Mr. Nielsen is trying to be very helpful to the committee here but