

Mr. ERVIN: They are the property of the Sergeant-at-Arms, I would say. They are kept under his custody. It was impressed upon me that the verbatim reports of the house should not be allowed to leave the house.

The CHAIRMAN: It may be a good idea to allow members of the committee an opportunity to listen to these tapes.

Mr. ERVIN: Yes; they could be obtained very easily. With a portable machine we could set it up in this room.

Mr. FRENETTE: But you could not compare them with the notes the reporters take.

Mr. ERVIN: Yes. Here is a sample I brought with me. This is part of the debates as typed out by the amanuensis from verbal dictation from the reporter. This is the transcript that my girl produced during the same period of time, and I have the record to go with this so you can make comparisons.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps we should arrange to do this.

Mr. ERVIN: Do you have any dictation or transcribing equipment in your office?

Mr. BUSKARD: I have one set for my own use but they do have these available in the committee reporting branch.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Ervin, Mr. Buskard and Mr. Frenette for appearing this morning.