

those from very distant parts who do stay in Ottawa during the adjournments of the Senate and do attend these joint committee meetings very faithfully, and I should like to commend them for what they do.

Moreover, I think there is something to be said too for the Senate being in recess when there is no legislation for us to deal with. I see no reason why we should summon 102 ladies and gentlemen here to Ottawa to sit simply for the purpose of adjourning so that a few or a small number can attend committees. That is the difficulty. I am not complaining, but I do think an explanation should be on the record. This is a difficulty with which the leader and indeed the entire Senate are confronted. In commending those who have attended the meetings, I would urge others to do all they can to come here and give their attendance so that the Senate will be adequately represented, and so that when certain bills are considered in this chamber we will have here persons who are well informed as to what happened in committee.

As I have said, I realize there can be conflicts. However, I think I am correct in saying that all these joint committees have permission to sit while the houses are sitting, and for this reason I ask for the co-operation of the members of committees to try to pace themselves so that they will be able to do as much as possible to assist the work not only of the Senate but of the joint committees.

Hon. Mr. Davies: Honourable senators, arising out of what has been said, I have a question. If a senator who is a member of one of the committees which is meeting at the same time as the Senate attends the committee meeting, does he get credit for having attended a Senate sitting?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I think the matter of attendance is easily settled. There is no difficulty about that matter. Appearance in the Senate is considered as an attendance.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): I think the act provides that if a member of the Senate is absent on account of Government business he is exempt from being here.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Honourable Senator Macdonald is quite right, but there have been occasions when the question was raised whether or not an attendance in committee in the morning counts as an attendance in the Senate in the afternoon. This is a technical point, and I think it is not one that we should delve into at this time.

I think the answer I gave to Senator Davies' question, plus the supplementary explanation given by Senator Macdonald (Brantford), will be a clear guide in this situation. It may be what I might call a starry guide as to how we should conduct ourselves.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, it has been moved by honourable Senator Roebuck, seconded by honourable Senator Fergusson, that the report be now adopted.

Report adopted.

CONSTITUENCIES OF CANADA

POPULATION—INQUIRY ANSWERED

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot inquired of the Government pursuant to notice:

What is the population of each of the constituencies of Canada, as described in Part II of the *Canada Gazette* of June 20, 1966?

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I have the answer to this question.

(For text of answer see Appendix, pp. 1093-5.)

I would ask that Inquiries No. 2 and No. 3 stand.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Honourable senators, I thank the honourable leader for answering Inquiry No. 1. I should, however, point out that it has been on the Order Paper since June 29, and the answer has been prepared by one who had nothing else to do than add the population of the various parts of the new constituencies. If he did that with an adding machine it would take him no more than one day. I wonder what he has done besides that since June 29, and if he has taken holidays. Moreover, I must also point out that the information that I have requested should have been on the desk of every cabinet minister a long time before it was asked for here in the Senate.

As to Inquiry No. 2, it too has been on the Order Paper since June 29. It concerns the amounts of money that have been paid by the Government to the solicitors, lawyers and notaries public and others who work for the Government. I am anxious to have that information, and there is no reason to delay the answer. It is in the public accounts, and it is very easy for the Treasury Branch of the Department of Justice and other departments to make that calculation. When we think that in the Province of Quebec there was the case of one Mordecai, the adviser to King