

copies in English and 250 copies in French would be adequate. I would judge that it is up to the members of the committee to make their requisition as early as possible after the records are printed and are available for distribution in order to get the numbers they require. I am not sure myself as regards the number that is allotted to each member. Perhaps the minister knows.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: I understand there has never been any limit on committee proceedings which individual members of the committee wanted. I think there has been an understanding for about 25 copies but it depends entirely on how many you ask to have printed at this time.

The CHAIRMAN: Does that satisfy your question, Mr. Goode?

Mr. GOODE: Not very well because I am very hard to satisfy. A lot of us on this committee have a large congregation of fishermen in our ridings, and I asked this question on a purely personal basis. I think we should have some understanding, perhaps non-official, with the chairman of this committee that he might see the appropriate authorities and give each member of the committee at the outset 48 hours to make his own arrangements after publication of each copy of the minutes of this meeting. Most of the members have large fishing populations in their ridings and they are naturally interested in it. If you could take it upon yourself, Mr. Chairman, to have an unofficial understanding with those who handle these things, it will be quite satisfactory.

The CHAIRMAN: I shall be glad to do so.

Mr. MACNAUGHT: I do not think there would be much difficulty because members of the committee, for example, from the east coast would not have the same interest in it as members from British Columbia. For my part I would be quite pleased to give any copies to which I am entitled to Mr. Goode or to any of the British Columbia members because my fishermen are not so much interested in pink salmon.

Mr. GOODE: We have been all through this in external affairs only to find that there were two copies for each member of the committee after we got through.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the motion carry?

Motion agreed to.

The next motion is with respect to seeking permission to sit while the house is in session.

Mr. NOWLAN: Before that motion is put I have a protest to make to you about our meeting at this time. I know the practice with the opposition parties has been to have caucus meetings every Wednesday morning, and that has been the case as far as I recall in the short time I have been here. This is the first time except in the pressure of the last few days of a session when a standing committee of the house has been sitting on a Wednesday morning. It has always been an unwritten convention that Wednesday mornings be left open. Moreover, I think there is usually a caucus of the government party as well on Wednesday morning. Speaking for most of the official opposition we do not like having a committee meeting on Wednesday morning unless there is a very grave emergency or unless it has to be done to suit the convenience of a witness or something like that. I would like to meet the minister and yourself half way in continuing with our meeting now and then adjourning until this afternoon. I think we should adjourn this committee after we have formally organized it and then report to the house this afternoon and seek leave to sit while the house is sitting, and thus adjourn until this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: I am neither a member of the committee nor a witness. I came here only to introduce the officials of my department. However, it was at my request that this meeting was called at this time. Members of the C.C.F.