

The CHAIRMAN: If somebody will move a motion it is in order.

Mr. COTE: I am ready to move concurrence in the report of the steering committee.

Mr. HOMUTH: Just before that motion is made I would ask about the suggestion at the last of the report by the steering committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I did not hear you Mr. Homuth.

Mr. HOMUTH: Was your suggestion in regard to the printing of the briefs considered by the steering committee?

The CHAIRMAN: It has been considered and there has been some discussion on the matter, but it was further agreed it would come before the committee.

Mr. MacINNIS: There is no definite recommendation.

The CHAIRMAN: That is absolutely right.

Mr. ADAMSON: I think, if my memory serves me right, as a member of that committee I recall we decided to leave the matter of hearing briefs to the discretion of the general committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, and the discussion is open on that matter.

Mr. KNOWLES: Before you put the question of Mr. Cote's motion, may I ask what is the meaning now of the last sentence in the report. I believe it was the last sentence which said discussion of bill 24 might wait until discussion of the Labour Code was undertaken.

The CHAIRMAN: Concurrently.

Mr. KNOWLES: That means if we pass this report we will work it out later.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, whether or not you will take up bill 24 or bill 338.

Mr. KNOWLES: That might be in conjunction with some clause of the bill on the same matter.

The CHAIRMAN: It is up to the committee to decide which of the two bills will be taken up first or if they will be studied concurrently. That is the decision which we arrived at in the steering committee.

Mr. CASE: If we adopt the report of the steering committee we will be deciding it.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, so Mr. Cote moves, and it is seconded by Mr. Lafontaine, that the minutes of the steering committee be adopted. Is that carried?

Carried.

Now, gentlemen, what about the procedure to be followed on these briefs?

Mr. MacINNIS: I suppose once we get this discussion started it will be hard to stop. It has got to be started sometime, however. The chairman, I think, mentioned that we should proceed—and he can correct me if I am not expressing him accurately—and receive briefs from parties interested in the bill and then, if any member of the committee wanted these organizations or representatives from these organizations to appear before the committee to give further evidence, or to study something further, we could call such witnesses.

The CHAIRMAN: That is my suggestion only.

Mr. MacINNIS: Yes, that is the suggestion that was made. Personally, if I understand that suggestion correctly, I do not think it is a proper way to proceed. We have before us a bill in which many employers, perhaps all employers in Canada, and organized labour are interested, together with individuals or institutions outside of those organizations who may be interested as well. I think we should make it as easy as possible for these people to appear before the committee and say what they have to say and to have the members of the committee question them on any matter that may arise. I think it would be wrong to limit, in so far as unlimited appearances before the committee can be allowed—of course there is a point at which you will have to curtail dis-