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TUESDAY, February 7, 1967.

The Vice-Chairman: Gentlemen, will you please come to order?

I am sitting here because Mr. Klein has a cold and is in bed. He telephoned me this morning.

It has been suggested that I should first read this:

That the standing committee on Indian affairs, human rights and citizenship and immigration be empowered to appoint subcommittees of not less than five members which will report to the main committee but will enjoy all the other powers which have been granted to the committee.

I imagine that these subcommittees will be official, will they not, once they have been approved in the House?

An hon. MEMBER: Yes.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: They are regular official committees as is this full Committee here?

Mr. Badanai: Once they have been approved by the House they have the same privileges and the same authority as the full Committee.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: In other words, there may be two subcommittees travelling at the same time, and their reports to the Chairman of the main Committee will be official.

Mr. Haidasz: Mr. Chairman, who will appoint the chairmen of the subcommittees if either the plenary Chairman or the Vice-Chairman do not accompany the subcommittees?

The Vice-Chairman: I do not know; unless it is done by the Chairman himself, or the steering committee.

Mr. Badanai: I think the subcommittees should elect their own chairmen.

The Vice-Chairman: They should elect their own chairmen?

Mr. BADANAI: Yes.

Mr. Orlikow: I think it should be on the record, Mr. Chairman, that I presume the purpose of these subcommittees is to make trips to the reservations about which we have talked on a number of occasions.

The Vice-Chairman: And to meet with the chiefs. I will now read this which is dated July 13, 1966:

That the standing committee on Indian affairs, human rights and citizenship and immigration be empowered to adjourn from place to place