

some kind of output or contribution to make to the development of science policy. We realized very quickly that these people were so isolated and so diffuse that they were not in a position to make any kind of important contribution to the national effort.

As a result of our committee's prompting them, some of the leaders of these learned societies organized a meeting last July in Ottawa at Carleton University to which they invited all learned societies. At that meeting, which lasted for three days, they discussed various ways and means of reorganizing themselves in order to set up a new super organization which would give them a better opportunity first of all to discuss among themselves the various problems and then to decide how to make contributions to our committee, to the Government and to Parliament in general. They decided at that meeting last July to organize a new association. Consequently, though I was not able to attend that meeting, it is my understanding that such an organization was definitely set up in the middle of January of this year.

That organization is a by-product of the activities of our committee, in that as we progressed in our deliberations we felt the necessity of having that kind of advice from the private sector and, more specifically, from those learned societies.

It is our hope that by this time next year that new organization will be in a much better position to help us than it has been up to now.

I think this would be an appropriate moment to adjour for approximately 15 minutes.

The committee recessed.

(Upon resuming)

The Chairman: Now that we have resumed, I gather there is some confusion about the nature of our meeting of this afternoon and tomorrow morning. Let me emphasize that these two meetings are *in camera* and are restricted to our guests and to members of the committee. Unfortunately we are not in a position to invite representatives from the government.

Perhaps we should start by asking Senator Grosart to deal with the question raised by Congressman Mosher. After that I am sure there are other members of the committee who will have questions.

Senator Grosart: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I am sure our guests have noticed that we reverse the seating arrangements here. We put the guests up in the high seats and the ordinary members of the committee down in the pit. Therefore, on behalf of the pit, I know my colleagues would wish me to add their words of welcome to those spoken by the chairman. I say this because we do not always agree with the chairman in this committee and so I want to make it clear that in this instance we are unanimous.

In reply to a very interesting question posed by Congressman Mosher, I might say, Mr. Chairman, that he and I had the privilege of traversing the NATO front line some years ago together, but I shall not get into the subject of NATO this morning.

The Chairman: I hope not.

Senator Lang: Go ahead.

The Chairman: If so, I will join the pit too.

Senator Grosart: The chairman has had some difficulty in the Senate because of his views on NATO which he says represent the far left of the Liberal Party.

The Chairman: This is the usual Conservative distortion.

Congressman Daddario: That sounds like a much more interesting subject to discuss than the one we are on.

Senator Grosart: I might say in that respect, Mr. Chairman, that we are very interested to see the non-partisan manner in which your committee and subcommittee have proceeded, although I must say in view of our chairman's last remarks, that I am very much delighted to notice from the remarks of Congressman Fulton and Congressman Mosher that there is a small "c" conservative influence in your committee which no doubt accounts for much of its remarkable success.

In reply to Congressman Mosher's question which ranges over the entire matter of our peculiar Canadian Constitution, I should say at the start that there is a great difference between the theory and the practice in respect to the relationship between the two legislative chambers and the executive. I think the main difference between our two systems might be described very quickly by saying that your executive veto tends to come at the end of the legislative process whereas ours is very likely to come at the beginning.