

EVIDENCE

MONDAY, July 4, 1960.
8:00 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Casselman, and gentlemen: I see a quorum, so let us come to order and proceed.

Since our last meeting we held a meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure and I am happy to say that Messrs. Bell (*Carleton*), McIlraith, Peters and Rogers have agreed to act on that Subcommittee.

At our meeting we agreed on this meeting this evening, and we also felt we should pick a time as soon as possible this week to allow representations to be received from staff organizations and from other interested people who wished to appear before the committee.

The steering subcommittee recommended that we might find a day towards the latter part of the week. Therefore, perhaps Friday would be satisfactory to the committee; and I understand from talking to Mr. Best, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Marshall that they would probably be ready by Friday to make their representations to the committee.

I wonder if I might have your views on this? Is it satisfactory to accept the recommendation of the steering subcommittee that we meet on Friday to hear representations from the different staff organizations and from other interested groups?

Mr. McILRAITH: Does that mean that you would not meet between now and Friday to deal with other matters?

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to hear some discussion. It seems to me that we cannot do very much until we do.

Mr. CARON: Are you pretty sure that the session will not be over by Friday?

Mr. McILRAITH: I am very anxious for us to get over as much as we can and as quickly as we can. I take it that the reason you suggest a meeting for Friday is that the staff organizations would not be ready before that date?

The CHAIRMAN: They would like as much time as possible, but I understand now that they might be ready perhaps on Thursday, if that is suitable to the committee.

Mr. HICKS: I would agree; and if we could have them on a day before Friday, then so much the better.

The CHAIRMAN: Would Thursday afternoon be satisfactory to the committee? That would give us adequate time to hear all the representations and listen to all the briefs. It seems to me that Friday might not give us enough time.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): I take it that Mr. McIlraith was of the view that we might make some progress with other matters before the staff representations were heard, and to have those representations on Friday.

Mr. CARON: I am of the impression that if we hear the staff representations first, it would simplify matters very much and we could get through with it much quicker.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): I think we should decide on whatever day we should hear the staff organizations, and go through and take as long as it may be necessary to get the whole story out. Then, as soon as possible thereafter, we