

Mr. MACLEAN (*Queens*): I think that if we could finish hearing evidence from the witnesses who are here today and then adjourn at that time, provided it is before 11 o'clock, it would meet with general agreement because there are meetings to which many of us are required to go at 11 o'clock and we should not contemplate sitting beyond perhaps five minutes to 11 o'clock or so.

The CHAIRMAN: Does anyone else wish to express an opinion on this matter?

Mr. BASFORD: I am not sure Mr. MacLean made a motion. If he has, I would second it.

Mr. MACLEAN (*Queens*): I would put that in the form of a motion. I so move.

The CHAIRMAN:

It is moved by Mr. MacLean (*Queens*) and seconded by Mr. Basford that the committee adjourn as soon as it has finished questioning the witnesses, or at five minutes to eleven.

Are there any comments on this?

Motion agreed to.

With respect to the broadening of our discussion, may I assume that the committee would wish to open this discussion quite widely so as to allow anyone who wishes to ask questions to do so?

Mr. HOWARD: I want to deal with this matter very briefly. Even though Mr. Basford raised this point at the last meeting, I do not think that any committee has the right to deter the right of any member to ask any questions at a subsequent meeting. We should just proceed and if any member wants to ask questions of Mr. Martin or of other officials here we are at perfect liberty to do so regardless of what Mr. Basford raised at the last meeting.

Mr. BASFORD: My remarks were not meant to limit any questions; they were intended to guide the steering committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you. What Mr. Howard and Mr. Basford have said is also my own interpretation of it. I thought that I should bring this to the attention of the committee as it was on the record. Having done so, and obtained an opinion which is I think unanimous, we will proceed with the questioning of Mr. Martin and other officials who are here.

Mr. PUGH: I have a follow-up question on what was said. You just finished stating, sir, that the United States has given up a great deal. Would they have given up anything at all if their historic rights were preserved?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): We are now entering into the realm of negotiation. I do not think I said they had given up a great deal.

Mr. PUGH: No, you said we have asked them to give up a great deal.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I am sure that they would not have agreed to give up their historic fishing rights.

Mr. PUGH: So that whatever rights they had before will be preserved?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That is right. We believe that it is in the national interest and we hope the outcome of our negotiations will reveal that that is the case.

Mr. BASFORD: I was wondering whether your department, Mr. Martin, has received any representations or protests from Great Britain, the Scandinavian countries or the United States on behalf of those countries' air lines?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): We have had representations made by Canadians about the effect of this, but none from any foreign countries. I think you had a witness here, Mr. Maclaren, speaking on this point. We think his case is an answerable one.