

There remains our Law Clerk whom I saw this morning and who is going to give an opinion at the next sitting of the committee.

Senator Pouliot, the sponsor of the bill, said he would like Mrs. Kirkland-Casgrain invited to appear before the committee. She is a member of the executive council of the Province of Quebec, and has been quite active in women's affairs.

Senator POULIOT: And she is a lawyer.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, she is a lawyer. Senator Pouliot would like to have Mrs. Kirkland-Casgrain invited to say what she has to say.

Senator POULIOT: It would be easy to have her here at the same time as Mr. Hopkins, our Law Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, she could be invited to come next week. We can invite Mrs. Kirkland-Casgrain to come and give her opinion, if it is the wish of the committee to so invite her.

Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

Senator BOUFFARD: I think we can only invite her. If she does not wish to come then that is her business. We cannot summon her.

Senator HOLLETT: Who is she?

The CHAIRMAN: She is a minister without portfolio on the executive council of the Province of Quebec.

Senator HOLLETT: Is she married or single?

The CHAIRMAN: She is married to a lawyer, Philippe Casgrain, and I think she does practice law in the Province of Quebec.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Halifax North*): You will not say whether she and her husband have the same legal opinion with respect to this matter?

The CHAIRMAN: I would not even try to investigate it.

Senator TAYLOR (*Westmorland*): I think it would be very good to have her here.

Senator POULIOT: I wonder if the committee has any objection to my filing a copy of the resolution that was passed by the National Federation of Liberal Women which supports this bill.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Halifax North*): I see no objection.

Senator POULIOT: It is signed by Mrs. Ware, the acting secretary of the National Convention of the Women's Liberal Federation of Canada, and attached is a letter from Mr. Paul Lafond who sent it to me on the letterhead of La Fédération Libérale Nationale du Canada.

There is something else I wish to say. We can dispense with hearing the officers of the Department of Justice, and I can submit much more to you in due course, but here is a newspaper article with an interview that was given to Miss Joan Munn of the *Globe and Mail* by Mr. Jean Lesage about the rights of Quebec wives. This is from the *Globe and Mail* of Saturday, November 30, 1963.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection on the part of the committee to having these two documents printed as appendices to the committee's proceedings of today? The resolution of the National Federation of Liberal Women reads:

WHEREAS a private bill is presently before the Senate of Canada to amend the Marriage and Divorce Act to permit married women to have the same rights as unmarried women for the sale and alienation of immovable property. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Liberal Women go on record as supporting this bill.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Halifax North*): There is no objection.