

The CHAIRMAN: Is that carried?

Agreed.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: That is form 18, too?

The CHAIRMAN: That takes care of form No. 18, as well.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: The next is form No. 36. It is a suggested amendment to form No. 36 which is as a result of a suggestion made to me by an officer of the Auditor General's branch.

The CHAIRMAN: Any questions, gentlemen?

Mr. HOWARD: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: Then, we will pass on.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: The next has to do with the printing of the list of candidates to enable members of the Canadian forces to vote. The provisions and the regulations require that I print these lists of candidates. We find it difficult, in so far as time is concerned.

Nomination day is two weeks, in most electoral districts, before polling day. All telegrams from 241 returning officers are sent to me that day. We have to compile a list of the candidates and their political affiliations. Then, the time element has been in the past—the procedure has been that I go to the Queen's printer about midnight with the proof of this list, and it is delivered next morning at nine o'clock—that is, Tuesday morning, 13 days before polling day.

But, as you know, the service voting begins on the Monday preceeding the ordinary polling day. So that that only gives us five days to deliver these lists to Edmonton, Ottawa and Halifax. From there they break it down to some 300 service voting places.

They have to distribute it in 300 service voting places. That problem is difficult enough; but the one for overseas voters is a great deal more difficult. In that connection we get on the phone at midnight and we spend two hours on the phone with the special returning officer, to phone in all the names of the candidates and their political affiliations, so that he, in turn, can have it printed there.

That takes two days in England. After it is printed in England he has to distribute it to Egypt, Israel and all the Western European countries, and Indo China and everywhere else.

I would say that in Canada we can still print the list of candidates and have it distributed to the special returning officers for distribution from them to the various voting places and military establishments. But for overseas voting, this requirement of printing makes it very difficult. It would save a great deal of time if we could just have it mimeographed or reproduced in some other method.

Mr. KUCHEREPA: Litho.

Mr. HOWARD: This proposal applies only to the armed forces voting list.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: This is the list of candidates.

Mr. HOWARD: I am sorry,—the armed forces voters.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Yes, the armed service voters. The act now requires that we print this list. Printing in Ottawa is very fast, due to cooperation of the Queen's printer. They do excellent work there. We have it next morning at nine o'clock. But when we have to phone to England, and invariably have a two-hour phone conversation with the special returning officer there, he has to check back. Some of the information he has not got correctly or he has not prepared, or he is not prepared to print until four or five hours after the phone call; and then it takes about 48 hours to get the list printed.