

9:42 a.m.

Monday, February 24, 1992

[Chairman: Mr. Horsman]

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, colleagues; I'd like to commence the meeting. If you look at the agenda, I'd like to move first to approval of the minutes of the February 18 meeting. May I have a motion to do so. Jack Ady. Those in favour? Opposed, if any? Carried.

The next item is the committee report.

MR. McINNIS: Mr. Chairman, just before we go in camera, I'd like to briefly revisit what it is we're doing in these sessions. My understanding is that we're trying to work toward a consensus on the various points that are covered. If so, I think there's some greater urgency on getting some of the notes that are being taken back to us so we can tell when we've arrived at a consensus or not. We did get some notes today on the discussion last week, which are incomplete in my submission. For example, we had a lot of discussion on the question of whether these rights are inherent or not, which issue isn't mentioned here. Can you help me out as to how we're going to proceed with consolidating the discussion? Is it leading anywhere, or are we just kind of chewing the fat?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I didn't quite catch your last comment.

MR. McINNIS: Are we leading anywhere with these discussions, or are we just sort of chewing the fat?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we're leading to concluding a report. I'm sorry that I haven't been able to attend the last two meetings of this committee. I was away in Toronto for the first one, and last Monday morning I was unable to attend because of fog. So I'm going to have to do some catching up too on our discussions as we move along through this process. I haven't seen these informal notes either, so we'll obviously have to move along in discussion. I think we can do that best in camera relative to how far we're progressing in terms of dealing with the issues that we heard about when we consulted with Albertans.

MR. McINNIS: Well, I'm just trying to link the discussions we're holding with the report that we're producing. Is it possible, when we complete a subject area, to have a draft come back to the next meeting so that we could satisfy ourselves that we've agreed to what we thought we'd agreed to or not?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, I think we'll be trying to do that, particularly after today's meeting, so we can have some idea as to what consensus has been arrived at. We have to get a report completed.

MR. McINNIS: At the next meeting we'll see a draft report?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. We should try and have a draft, I would think, of at least where we are when we conclude this morning, because we have to get to that position. Okay?

Do I have a motion, then, to go in camera?

[The committee met in camera at 9:47 a.m.]

