

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 1962.

The Special Committee of the Senate on Land Use in Canada make their second report as follows:

The Committee presents herewith a summary of the proceedings held during the last session, i.e., the Fifth Session, 24th Parliament, 1962.

### I. ORDER OF REFERENCE

The following resolution was adopted on February 7, 1962, by the Senate:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report on land use in Canada and what should be done to ensure that our land resources are most effectively utilized for the benefit of the Canadian economy and the Canadian people, and, in particular, to increase agricultural production and the incomes of those engaged in it;

That the Committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Basha, Bois, Boucher, Buchanan, Cameron, Crerar, Emerson, Gladstone, Higgins, Hollett, Horner, Inman, Leonard, MacDonald, McDonald, McGrand, Methot, Molson, Pearson, Power, Smith (*Kamloops*), Smith (*Queens-Shelburne*), Stambaugh, Taylor (*Norfolk*), Taylor (*Westmorland*), Turgeon, Vaillancourt, Veniot, Wall and White;

That the Committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical and clerical personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, and to report from time to time;

That the evidence taken on the subject during the six preceding sessions be referred to the Committee.

A Steering Committee was appointed as follows: Honourable Senators Pearson, Stambaugh, Smith (*Kamloops*), Taylor (*Westmorland*), Taylor (*Norfolk*), and Vaillancourt. Senator A. M. Pearson and Senator C. Vaillancourt were appointed chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

### II. COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

During the session a total of five meetings were held and eight witnesses were heard. There were 130 pages of evidence presented to your Committee.

The Committee directed and focussed its efforts towards the attainment of public interest and attention on the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act, hereinafter called ARDA, by acting as a forum. Witnesses were requested to present briefs dealing with the basic land use, economic and social problems of their area, the institutional and organizational aspects involved in fostering local rural leadership and initiative, the stimulation of rural planning and development, and, in particular, the rehabilitation of low income areas. This course of action was taken with the view of assisting the Federal Government in starting the ARDA program through the free expression of improvement needs and proposals. The Committee was particularly concerned