

the Parliament of Canada and of the several provincial legislatures with respect to old age security; similar legislation in other countries; possible alternative measures of old age security for Canada, with or without a means test for beneficiaries, including plans based on contributory insurance principles; the probable cost thereof and possible methods of providing therefor; the constitutional and financial adjustments, if any, required for the effective operations of such plans, and other related matters.

That the following Senators be appointed to act on behalf of the Senate on the said Joint Committee, namely, the Honourable Senators Burke, Doone, Fallis, Farquhar, Ferland, Horner, Hurtubise, King, Leger, Moraud, Stevenson, and Vaillancourt.

That the Committee have power to appoint, from among its members such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable or necessary; 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 Committee have power to print such papers and evidence from day to day as it may order for the use of the Committee and of Parliament, and that Rule 100 of the Senate be suspended in relation thereto.

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to inform that House accordingly.

The original membership of the Committee was changed on April 19th by the substitution of Mr. C. A. D. Cannon, M.P., for Mr. M. Gingues, M.P., and on April 27th, by substituting the Honourable Senator J. G. Fogo for the Honourable Senator J. J. Stevenson, and on May 25th by substituting Mr. J. W. Noseworthy, M.P., for Mr. A. MacInnis, M.P.

With the death of the Honourable Senator Antoine J. Leger on April 7, the Committee suffered the loss of a distinguished and experienced colleague who would have rendered valuable assistance had he been spared to participate in its enquiries and deliberations.

On April 4 the Committee adopted the recommendations of its Steering Committee with respect to procedure and agenda for future meetings. Due to the impending Easter recess of Parliament, the Committee then adjourned until April 18, from which date its enquiries continued without relaxation until June 2, when it held its last public hearing. Thereafter, it sat almost daily until June 23 while drawing up its report.

In the course of its deliberations the Committee received assistance from a number of officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Deputy Minister of National Welfare acted as a technical adviser to the Committee and gave evidence on the old age pension program in Canada and the provisions for old age income security in other countries. He was assisted by the Director of Old Age Pensions, and by the Director of Research who also acted as the research adviser to the Committee. The Research Division of the Department submitted documentation on legislation in other countries, provided research assistance to the Committee during its hearings and under the direction of the Committee prepared a draft summary of the evidence for the factual part of the Committee's report. The Departmental Secretary and her staff carried out a number of secretarial duties for the Committee.

Assistance was also received from the Departments of Finance, Labour, Justice and Veterans Affairs. The Director of the Economic Policy Division, Department of Finance, gave testimony and provided technical assistance on