

REPORT TO THE HOUSE

The Special Committee on Broadcasting has the honour to present the following as its

SECOND REPORT

On Wednesday, April 29, 1959, your Committee was constituted with the following Order of Reference:

That a Select Committee be appointed on Broadcasting to consider radio and television broadcasting together with the Annual Report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and to review the operations, policies and aims of the Corporation and its revenues, expenditures and development, with power to examine and inquire into the matters herein referred to, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, and to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable or necessary;

That the Committee have power to meet while the House is sitting;

That the Committee shall consist of 35 members;

That Standing Orders 66 and 67 be suspended in relation thereto.

In order to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth in its Order of Reference your Committee hoped to include in its study the following:

1. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—its organization and structure; aims and functions; policies and operations; revenue and expenditures; and programming and plans for future development.

2. The Board of Broadcast Governors—its views on its role in Broadcasting; its relationship to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and to the regulation of public and private Broadcasting.

3. The Canadian Association of Broadcasters and such other representatives of independent radio and television as wished to present to the Committee views on the subject of Broadcasting.

Although your Committee has held 33 meetings, heard statements and recorded evidence from the Board of Broadcast Governors and senior officers of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; as a result of the thorough nature of its study and the limited time available it was possible only to consider in detail the first item of its proposed program, that is the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

To facilitate its examination, the Committee adopted a very detailed and exhaustive agenda dealing with C.B.C. matters. It was able to complete this agenda, but regrets to report that due to shortage of time, it was unable to hear all the witnesses necessary to report on all matters set out in the terms of reference. Specifically, your Committee was unable to complete its examination of the Board of Broadcast Governors and no representatives of the private broadcasters were heard. This leads your Committee to the conclusion that its work is incomplete.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends that it be reconstituted at the earliest possible stage of the next ensuing Session of Parliament, and be then authorized to complete the hearing of evidence and to present its final conclusions and recommendations to the House and that the terms of reference permit the Committee to use the evidence taken at this Session for such purposes.