

Recommendations

The Committee therefore recommends:

1. That the Senate consider sending a message to the House of Commons asking it to consider adopting a standing order requiring that all messages of recommendation be specific as to any and all appropriation(s) -- both the purpose and the amount, or the formula for calculating the amount -- recommended by the message.
2. That the Senate consider adopting a standing order requiring that, when any bill authorizing expenditure for a novel purpose comes to the Senate, the bill not go beyond second-reading stage without an authoritative statement from the government specifying any and all appropriation(s) -- both the purpose and the amount, or the formula for calculating the amount -- sought by the bill.
3. That the Senate refer the issue of royal recommendations to its Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for additional study.