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Your Committee has considered the above listed estimates, approves them, and recommends them to the House for approval.

The announcement by the Prime Minister of the preliminary step toward the establishment of a Parliamentary Committee to meet with a United States Congressional Committee, to examine problems common to both countries and to exchange views and interpret developments to their respective governments was welcomed by your Committee. Such a joint committee, it is felt, could be invaluable in the promotion of a greater degree of understanding between the two legislative bodies.

With regard to the recent report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the effects of Atomic Radiation, your Committee expresses a hope that the Government will keep under constant review its policy on the suspension of nuclear tests, taking into account the results of the current meetings of scientists at Geneva on the methods of detecting nuclear explosions.

Your Committee endorses Canada's position with regard to preventing the spread of the development and manufacture of nuclear weapons.

The continuation of studies on the possible establishment of a permanent United Nations force to ensure peace and deter aggression, is considered of great importance.

It was learned that the Department of External Affairs has arranged through the National Gallery of Canada, for an exhibition of the work of certain Canadian artists with a view to purchasing a considerable number of oil paintings to replace those being recalled by the National Gallery from Canadian Embassies and Chancelleries abroad. It is strongly urged that the paintings purchased be truly representative of Canada.

In order to assist your Committee in its work, it recommends that, at future sessions of Parliament it should commence its sittings within one month of the meeting of the House. Consideration should also be given to the broadening of the role of the Committee.

Your Committee wishes to record its appreciation to all those who contributed to the successful completion of its work.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence is appended.

*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 17 to the Journals)*

The foregoing items of the Main and Supplementary Estimates stand referred to the Committee of Supply, pursuant to Standing Order 57.