

*Committee Powers*

tions, in this particular area. We are now looking at another one which is important to the hon. member. I hope we will have some news for him very soon.

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[Translation]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SECOND TELEVISION STATION  
AT RIMOUSKI

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the minister responsible for the CBC.

While I agree with the CBC's intention to set up a French television station in Vancouver, even if people seem to be opposed, I would like to ask the minister if he would consider the possibility of granting such stations in areas where people are very keen to have one, such as is the case in my constituency of Rimouski which has been hoping for many years for a CBC station?

**Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the minister responsible for the CBC, I can tell the hon. member that indeed discussions are under way with CBC officials in view of setting up another French channel, in keeping with the expressed desires of the people of that area.

[English]

REQUEST FOR TELEVISION SERVICES IN NORTHERN  
NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the same minister. For many years some parts of Canada have not had regular CBC coverage. I refer to the northern parts of Newfoundland. Will the minister investigate the continuing procrastination of the CBC to extend television services to these people and report to the House on her findings?

**Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly bring the hon. member's problem to the attention of the minister. As he knows, this problem is common not only to areas of Newfoundland, but to other areas of Canada.

● (1500)

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY  
INSTRUMENTS**

SEVENTH REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

On the order: Motions:

December 18, 1975—Mr. McCleave (Joint Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments):

[Mr. Lang.]

That the seventh report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments presented to the House on Tuesday, December 16, 1975, be concurred in.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, relating to the item Your Honour has just called. As it will form the basis of the discussion tomorrow there has been some consultation among House leaders and it might be for the benefit of hon. members if I were to make a short comment, with the agreement of all those concerned.

The report in question, while approving the concept of freedom of information generally, deals with the extension of the powers of the committee into the next session. At the time this report was brought in the committee was confident that the government House leader, with the aid of his colleagues, would so expedite the business of the House that we would now be in a new session. The hon. gentleman has somewhat disappointed us in this regard, and as several months may now elapse before a new session is called, the motion standing in the name of my hon. friend has, by agreement, been extended to include terms of reference for the balance of the present session. That will form the basis of the subject matter of the debate tomorrow. I have given the House leaders of the respective parties copies of the motion in question.

**Mr. Sharp:** On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I say that for reasons that are well known—the difficulty of getting our legislative program through—it is, unfortunately, necessary to extend these terms of reference and I can assure the House that a motion in those terms is acceptable to us.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is not clear to me whether the House is of a mind to withdraw or accept the motion of the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave). In any case, he is not here today.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I have before me a motion in terms which include the motion of the member. I could read it now and the House could then make an order. The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave) has agreed that I could read this motion so that the House would then be put in possession of the details of the subject matter we shall be discussing tomorrow.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Baldwin:** The motion is as follows:

That the Seventh Report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, presented to the House on Tuesday, December 16, 1975, be concurred in, and that the committee be authorized to examine the matters referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the said report during the balance of this session.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that the motion which is to be discussed tomorrow, by agreement?

**Mr. Baldwin:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is so ordered.