

The Committee recommends :

1. The CPaC (Canadian Parliamentary Channel) proposal, as presented by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian cable television industry (Cableco) should be accepted and endorsed as proposed, provided that four members of the Board of Directors are appointed to represent the public interest.
2. Proceedings of the House of Commons should continue to be broadcast.
3. The programming director should be responsible for the production and direction of the broadcasting of the House of Commons, subject to the overall direction of the Monitoring Committee of the House of Commons.
4. Each committee of the House of Commons shall determine whether any meeting or meetings will be open to the electronic media. Each committee may impose any arrangements that it deems necessary to ensure the decorum of the meeting. This freedom for electronic media would apply in Ottawa and throughout the country.
5. The House of Commons should equip two committee rooms for broadcasting. Proceedings of committees held in these rooms would be part of the televised proceedings of the House of Commons supplied to CPaC and must be broadcast. Any disputes as to which committees shall meet in the two rooms shall be settled by the committee chairmen involved, subject to an appeal to the Monitoring Committee for its advice.
6. The CBC should second their two commentators (French and English), and their interpreters for the hearing-impaired, to the House of Commons which will administratively control them and provide facilities on the Hill in order for them to continue their commentaries and interpretation.
7. A Monitoring Committee of the House of Commons should be given the mandate to review and report upon the broadcasting of the House of Commons and its committees, and to deal with complaints from members regarding such broadcasting or the operations of CPaC generally. While it would be possible to set up a special Monitoring Committee, we recommend that this responsibility be assigned to the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedure and Private Members' Business.
8. There should be a mandatory review of the broadcasting of the House of Commons and its committees two years after the commencement of the new system.