

5. That a member of the committee reporting staff be designated senior reporter and given the Hansard salary, with the understanding that he will assist the assistant editor in charge of committees and perform duties related to the recommendation following.

6. That a new class be established to be called "reporting trainees" or some other suitable title, to consist of not more than three young men or women who can be trained as reporters to fill vacancies as they may occur in the senior staffs. In this way we would provide for our own replacements in future and would not be dependent upon outside reporters. This is a scheme which has already been put into operation by the Ontario government in relation to official court reporters. The suggested chief committee reporter would be expected to be largely responsible for the training of this group.

I must again stress the need for some *immediate* action to meet the urgent need which has developed, and I am confident that if the above recommendations are accepted we will have no difficulty in maintaining the reporting service which the House of Commons has expected and received up to the present time.

Should you or the internal economy commission, which I understand has responsibility for dealing with these matters, desire any further information or background material, I should be happy to supply it to you or to them at any time. I only repeat that something must be done at once to meet the present situation, because when the House reconvenes in the fall there is no doubt but that the demands upon this staff will be heavy indeed.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) W. W. BUSKARD,
*Editor of Debates and
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WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1963.

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The Standing Committee on Debates met at 9.50 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. Herman M. Batten, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Aiken, Batten, Cowan, Howard, and Rinfret.—
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In attendance: Mr. A. M. Ervin, Management Analysis Officer of the Civil Service Commission; Mr. W. W. Buskard, Editor of the English Section of the Debates and Chief of Reporting Branch; and Mr. Paul Frenette, Editor of the French Section of the Debates, House of Commons.

The Chairman observed that as the proceedings of the Committee are being printed for the information of the Members of Parliament, it would be appropriate to have also printed the Report on which the study of the Committee is based.

On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Rinfret,

Agreed,—That the Report of a survey of the English Debates Reporting Branch of the House of Commons made by the Management Analysis Division of the Civil Service Commission be included in today's proceedings.

The Chairman referred to the motion made at the last meeting by Mr. Howard. He informed the Committee that the matter of increasing the number