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A few briefs were received, and considered by your Committee. Recommendations for amendments to the electoral process received from the public by the Chief Electoral Officer were considered by your Committee. In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer suggested draft amendments to the Canada Elections Act for the better administration of the Act and these amendments were studied by your Committee.

In the course of its study, your Committee reviewed the election laws of the various Provinces of Canada and met with certain provincial electoral officials. A joint meeting with the Select Committee on Election Laws of the Legislature of Ontario was held to discuss matters of mutual interest.

#### PART I

Your Committee recommends that the Government of Canada consider the advisability of incorporating the following proposals in a bill to be presented for consideration during the present session of Parliament.

1. Any reference in the Canada Elections Act to electoral districts returning two members be deleted; (Issue No. 8)
2. The duties and responsibilities which, under the Canada Elections Act, as amended, are at present assigned to the Representation Commissioner be transferred back to the Chief Electoral Officer; (Issues Nos. 6, 15)
3. Failure on the part of a returning officer to revise his polling division boundaries as instructed by the Chief Electoral Officer be a cause for removal from office; (Issue No. 8)
4. A vacancy in the office of returning officer be filled within 60 days from the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer has been informed of the vacancy; (Issues Nos. 8, 9)
5. Returning officers in electoral districts specified in Schedule III be allowed to appoint additional election clerks on the authorization of the Chief Electoral Officer; (Issue No. 8)
6. Polling division boundaries be established to include approximately 250 electors, or a multiple thereof, per polling division; (Issues Nos. 8, 9)
7. The Chief Electoral Officer be given the power, when requested not later than the date of the issue of the writ, to declare built up areas abutting incorporated towns and cities of 5,000 population or more urban polling divisions if he deems it expedient; (Issues Nos. 8, 9)
8. The Chief Electoral Officer be given the power, when requested not later than the date of the issue of the writ, to declare areas within incorporated towns and cities of 5,000 population or more rural polling divisions if he deems it expedient; (Issues Nos. 8, 9)
9. Voting age be reduced to eighteen and only Canadian citizens be qualified as electors (for this purpose British subjects, other than Canadian citizens, who were ordinarily resident in Canada on the 25th day of June 1967, be deemed to be Canadian citizens); (Issues Nos. 1, 5, 15, 17)