

ORDERS OF REFERENCE OF THE SENATE

Friday, 21st June, 1991

ORDERED: That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to inform the House that the Senate do unite with the House of Commons in the appointment of a Special Joint Committee to inquire into and make recommendations to Parliament on the proposals of the Government of Canada for a renewed Canada contained in documents to be referred to it, from time to time, by the Government of Canada;

That ten members of the Senate and twenty members of the House of Commons be appointed to be members of the Special Joint Committee;

That the quorum of the Joint Committee be thirteen Members whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is to be taken so long as both Houses are represented, and that the Joint Chairs are authorized to hold hearings, to receive evidence and to authorize the printing thereof, when nine Members are present so long as both Houses are represented;

That the members to act for the Senate on the Joint Committee be the Honourable Senators Atkins, Balfour, Barootes, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Bélisle, Frith, Gigantès, MacEachen and Molgat;

That it be an instruction to the Joint Committee that it provide Canadians the opportunity to participate fully in the development of the plan proposed by the Government of Canada for a renewed Canada;

That it be an instruction to the Joint Committee that it develop mechanisms designed to encourage and facilitate the participation of individuals and groups of Canadians;

That it be an instruction to the Joint Committee that it develop procedures to ensure that aboriginal peoples participate fully in the development of the plan proposed by the Government of Canada for a renewed Canada, and, in particular, on issues of special interest to them;

That it be an instruction to the Joint Committee that it submit its final report not later than February 28, 1992.

That, if either the Senate or the House of Commons is not sitting on the day such report is deposited with the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Commons, the same shall be deemed submitted;

That the Joint Committee be empowered to appoint, from among its Members, such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable, and to delegate to such sub-committees all or any of its powers, except the power to report to the Senate;