

Appointment of Special Committee

(2) to examine measures in place or planned in departments in respect to present or future major government projects, with a view of assessing their compliance with Treasury Board guidelines and directives; and

(3) to examine major government projects that will be referred to the Committee by the President of the Treasury Board, where the Treasury Board has identified a cost overrun;

That the Special Committee be composed of seven members of the House of Commons to be designated at a later date;

That the committee have power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to such subcommittees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee have power to adjourn from place to place within Canada; and

That the committee be empowered to retain the services of advisers to assist in its work and that it also be empowered to retain the professional, clerical and stenographic help as may be required.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW ACT

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OPERATION

On the order: Government notices of motion:

November 2, 1979—The Minister of State for International Trade:

That a Special Committee of the House of Commons be appointed

(1) to inquire into and report upon the extent to which the Foreign Investment Review Act has achieved and is achieving its purpose as described by Parliament in section 2 of the act, taking into account, among other things, significant relevant domestic and international economic developments in the period the Act has been in force;

(2) to make recommendations for changes in the act or its implementation with a view;

(a) to increase the effectiveness of the act in the achievement of its purpose,

(b) to minimize costs, delays and uncertainties of the process for investors, and costs to governments, and

(c) to make the review and decision-making processes as open as possible to parliamentary and public scrutiny consistent with the protection of commercial or other information of a private nature;

(3) without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to examine and make recommendations with respect,

(a) to the appropriateness of the review and decision-making processes having regard to the range of investments reviewable under the act,

(b) to the assessment criteria specified in subsection 2(2) of the act, with particular reference to the application of Canadian industrial and economic development policies,

(c) to the role of the provinces in the implementation of the act, and

(d) to the extent and manner in which the views of interested third parties should be taken into account;

(4) to report in time for the next session of Parliament and, in any event, by not later than September, 1980;

That the Special Committee be composed of seven members of the House of Commons to be designated at a later date;

That the committee have power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to

[Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton).]

such subcommittees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House or the power to retain staff or commission studies;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee have power to adjourn from place to place within Canada; and

That the committee be empowered to retain the services of advisers and to commission studies or research to assist in its work and that it also be empowered to retain the professional, technical, clerical and stenographic help as may be required.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.

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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

STRENGTHENING OF ROLE—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motion:

November 2, 1979—The Secretary of State and Minister of Communications:

That a Special Committee of the House of Commons be appointed to inquire into and report upon means to strengthen the role of the voluntary sector in Canadian society;

That the committee, taking into account the scope of activities now being carried out by the voluntary sector, the problems being faced by voluntary groups and the extent, nature and impact of current government support, report its conclusions and recommendations with respect to the measures that could be taken by the federal government to strengthen the role of the voluntary sector

(1) as an objective that is desirable in its own right,

(2) as an alternative to public dependence on government services, and

(3) in ways that would enhance the ability of such groups to operate independently of government together with such other matters as the committee considers relevant;

That the committee submit reports from time to time, as appropriate, and in any case a final report not later than May 31, 1980;

That the special committee be composed of seven members of the House of Commons to be designated at a later date;

That the committee have the power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to such subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee have the power to adjourn from place to place within Canada; and

That the committee be empowered to retain the services of expert advisers and to commission studies or research to assist in its work and that it also be empowered to retain such professional, technical, clerical and stenographic help as may be required.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration