

(ii) the review of and report on the effectiveness, management and operation, together with the operational and expenditure plans of all operations which are under the joint administration and control of the two Houses and other related matters as the Committee deems fit;

(iii) the review of and report on the Standing Orders, procedure and practice in the House and its committees; and

(iv) the selection of items of Private Members' Business pursuant to Standing Order 92, and the consideration of business related to Private Bills;

(b) Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons shall include, among other matters strictly pertaining to Canada:

(i) the review of and report on the reports of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, which shall be deemed permanently referred to the Committee immediately after they are laid upon the Table; and

(ii) the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society;

(c) Multiculturalism and Citizenship shall include, among other matters:

(i) the monitoring of the implementation of the principles of the federal multiculturalism policy throughout the Government of Canada and in order

—to encourage the departments and agencies of the federal government to reflect the multicultural diversity of the nation; and

—to examine existing and new programs and policies of federal departments and agencies to encourage sensitivity to multicultural concerns and to preserve and enhance the multicultural reality of our nation; and

(ii) the review of policies, programs and their administration, in the areas of citizenship, citizenship development and promotion and related programs which provide opportunities for fuller participation in the educational, economic and social life of Canada;

(d) Official Languages shall include, among other matters, the review of and report on official languages policies and programs including the annual reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages, which shall be deemed, for the purposes of the House, permanently referred to the Committee immediately they are laid upon the Table; and

(e) Public Accounts shall include, among other matters, review of and report on the Public Accounts of Canada and all reports of the Auditor General of Canada which shall be severally deemed permanently referred to the Committee immediately they are laid upon the Table;

and any other matter which the House shall, from time to time, refer to the Standing Committee.

(4) So far as this House is concerned, the mandate of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations shall include, among other matters, the review and scrutiny of statutory instruments which are permanently referred to the Committee

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pursuant to the provisions of section 26 of the *Statutory Instruments Act*, provided that both Houses may, from time to time, refer any other matters to the joint committee."

50. That Standing Order 112 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"112. At the commencement of each session the Speaker shall appoint, for each envelope except the Management envelope, as many as six Members, and from time to time additional Members as required, to act as Chairmen of legislative committees, provided that a proportionate number of Members from both the government party and the opposition parties shall be so appointed. Each group of Members appointed under the provisions of this Standing Order, together with the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the Whole, the Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole and the Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole, shall constitute a Panel of Chairmen for the legislative committees belonging to each respective envelope."

51. That sections 113(1), 113(2) and 113(3) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"113.(1) Each of the envelopes created pursuant to Standing Order 104(2), with the exception of the Management envelope, shall include two legislative committees, of not more than fourteen members each, to be designated as follows:

(a) *Human Resources*: Legislative Committees A and B;

(b) *Natural Resources*: Legislative Committees C and D;

(c) *Economics*: Legislative Committees E and F; and

(d) *Departmental*: Legislative Committees G and H.

**Some hon. members:** Dispense!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Shall I dispense with reading the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Is there unanimous consent? I shall dispense.

[*English*]

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, it was clearly audible that there was not unanimous consent to dispense. We would expect you to continue on.

**Mr. Cooper:** Mr. Speaker, I am very sure that I did not hear a no, and I thought the question was in order.

**An hon. member:** You were not even in the House.

**Mr. Whittaker:** Mr. Speaker, I clearly yelled out "no" when the Speaker asked whether there was consent. As soon as I heard the final question translated and realized what the Speaker was doing, I clearly yelled out "no."