

## REPORT TO THE HOUSE

FRIDAY, December 20, 1963.

The Standing Committee on Debates has the honour to present its

### THIRD REPORT

On November 1, 1963, the House referred to your Committee for immediate consideration the Report of a Survey of the English Debates Reporting Branch of the House of Commons made by the Management Analysis Division, Advisory Services Branch, of the Civil Service Commission.

Your Committee has studied the above Report, heard witnesses and attended demonstrations of the reportings made during a prior session of the House of Commons.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That satisfactory electronic recording apparatus, as referred to in the above-mentioned Report, be installed at the earliest possible date, to be used on a trial basis in selected committee rooms;

2. That, at the earliest possible moment during the next session of Parliament, the Standing Committee on Debates be authorized to examine and study the operation of the electronic recording equipment as used in committees, with the view to considering the extension of the use of such equipment;

3. That the operation and administration of the Debates Reporting Branch, English and French sections, in both the House and in committees be referred to it for study at the next session;

4. That Mr. Speaker and the Commissioners of Internal Economy take under immediate advisement the problem of reporter shortage in both English and French sections of the Debates Reporting Branch.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (Issues Nos. 1 and 2) is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Chairman.*