

That the rules and procedures applicable in committees apply to the Task Force;

That changes in the membership of the Task Force shall be made pursuant to Rule 66(4) of the *Rules of the Senate*;

That the Task Force be empowered to adjourn from place to place in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories; and

That the Task Force be instructed to present its report to the Committee of the Whole no later than October 15, 1987.

The committee has also directed me to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Senator Frith: I move that the Committee of the Whole be given authority to sit again at the next sitting of the Senate.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Is it agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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Hon. Gildas L. Molgat: Honourable senators, in order to permit the staff to prepare the budget, would the Senate be agreeable to the adoption of the report at this point? In that way work can carry on, and at the next meeting of the steering committee a budget could be presented.

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): I would like to go on record as saying that, yes, we allow this to happen and, yes, it is by some grace and a little indulgence.

Senator Molgat: With both leave and indulgence, then—

Senator Doody: And grace.

Senator Molgat:—I move that the report of the committee be adopted.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and report adopted.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
FEASIBILITY OF "SNOWBIRDS" VISIT TO NATO ALLIES—DEBATE
ADJOURNED

On the Order:

Consideration of the Third Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on National Defence (visit by air demonstration team the "Snowbirds" to Europe), presented in the Senate on 6th July, 1987.—(*Honourable Senator Lafond*).

Hon. Peter Bosa: Honourable senators, I should like to make a few remarks on the subject matter of the third report

[Senator Molgat.]

of the Special Committee of the Senate on National Defence, which was presented in this chamber on July 6, 1987, the particulars of which are to be found on page 1618 of the *Debates of the Senate*.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): This order stands in the name of Senator Lafond.

Senator Bosa: He yielded to me.

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I do not want to be difficult, but this order does stand in the name of Senator Lafond. I think that Senator Bosa or somebody ought to give us some assurance that Senator Lafond agrees to having this step taken. Once again, we do not want to establish a precedent. If everyone were to stand up whenever he or she wished to speak on somebody else's order, we would have difficulties. I do not want to ground the "Snowbirds" at all, however.

Senator Bosa: I can assure honourable senators that Senator Lafond has given me permission to go ahead with these remarks. Besides, we can still stand the motion in his name after I have spoken.

Hon. Jack Marshall: As deputy chairman of the Defence Committee, I can say that I hear those words and I give them authority.

Senator Bosa: First, I should like to thank the chairman, Senator Paul Lafond, and the other members of the committee for having considered so expeditiously the request by the Senate to examine the feasibility, logistics and merits of a visit by the Canadian air demonstration team, the "Snowbirds", to our NATO allies in Europe in the near future.

I read the minutes of the committee and I am pleased that Brigadier-General Jean Veronneau, Director General of Air Doctrine and Operations at National Defence Headquarters, was able to provide the members of the committee with much pertinent information concerning this initiative. My profound regret is that I could not be present at the committee meeting when it took place, as I was at Friuli, Italy, at the time, to receive an award from the President of the UNICEF committee of that region.

General Veronneau outlined some areas of concern, such as the costs involved in moving the Tutor, the aircraft used by the "Snowbirds", to Europe by air and the difficulties in moving aircraft from seaport to airfield if transportation were to take place by ship. He also made reference to the fact that an absence for some weeks from Canada of the "Snowbirds" would disrupt the Canadian tour season. The general further stated that a European tour could be accomplished, but that it does not have the support at this time of the Commander of Air Command or of the Chief of Defence Staff.

I am grateful to General Veronneau and Major General R.W. Morton, Chief of Air Doctrine and Operations, with whom I first discussed this initiative, and all other persons who took part in studying this matter. I would like to ask the generals and the Commander of Air Command, General Ashley, not to close the file until they have had an opportunity