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Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms -

- Mr. Weir is not certain which Minister is to be responsible for this.
- Membership of 30 from the House and 15 from the Senate planned.

Should a Cabinet Minister be chairman of this?  
If so, who should it be? *Worster*

What should the proper name of the committee be? *Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms*

On this committee, the Speech from the Throne had the following reference:

"My Ministers are also following with interest the activities of the United Nations with regard to the question of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and the manner in which those obligations accepted by all Members of the United Nations may best be implemented. It is the intention of the government to recommend the appointment of a select committee of members of both Houses to consider and report upon these matters".

The terms of Reference should, presumably, be related to the terms of reference of the Commission on Human Rights set up by the United Nations. These were set forth as follows:

"The work of the Commission shall be directed toward submitting proposals, recommendations and reports to the Council regarding:

- a) The International Bill of Rights;
- b) the international declaration or convention on civil liberties, the status of women, freedom of information and similar matters;