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11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Blair, from the Special Committee on Procedure of the House, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

*I. Terms of Reference.*

1. On September 24, 1968 the House of Commons resolved that a Special Committee of twelve Members, to be named at a later date, be appointed to consider and, from time to time, to report upon the advisability of making changes in the orders concerning the business of supply, the business of ways and means, the stages of the legislative process, and the operation of the standing committees of this House; upon the advisability of making permanent, with or without amendment, any or all the several changes in the procedures of this House that were in effect prior to the dissolution of Parliament on April 23, 1968; and upon the advisability of such other changes as the committee may deem suitable to promote the more expeditious dispatch of the business of the House; and that this Special Committee is hereby instructed to make its reports to the House prior to December 1, 1968, and to include in its reports drafts of proposed Standing Orders drawn to give effect, if adopted by the House, to any change or changes that may be proposed by the Committee.

2. Your Committee held 26 meetings and, having been granted an extension of time until December 6, 1968 in which to prepare and present its final report, has examined all the areas of procedure specified in its terms of reference and formulated recommendations relating to all of them.

*II. The Business of Supply.*

3. Among the most time-consuming, repetitive and archaic procedures inherited by the Canadian Parliament are those relating to the business of