

JOINT COMMITTEE

THE SENATE
THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON DIVORCE

EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, June 28, 1966.

The Special Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on Divorce met this day at 11.00 a.m.

Honourable Senator Arthur W. Roebuck, Q.C. and Mr. A. J. P. Cameron, Q.C., M.P. (*High Park*), Co-Chairmen.

The CO-CHAIRMAN (*Senator Roebuck*): Ladies and gentlemen, this is the first meeting for the taking of evidence, and it might be wise to read the order of reference as an opening statement:

That the Senate do unite with the House of Commons in the appointment of a Special Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament to inquire into and report upon divorce in Canada and the social and legal problems relating thereto, and such matters as may be referred to it by either house;

That twelve members of the Senate, to be designated at a later date, act on behalf of the Senate as members of the said Special Joint Committee;

That the committee have power to engage the services of such technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee, and to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate; and

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to inform that house accordingly.

That was carried. Now you have your resolution, Mr. Cameron.

The CO-CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Cameron*): Yes. This is slightly different, and reads as follows:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons be appointed to inquire into and report upon divorce in Canada and the social and legal problems relating thereto, and such matters as may be referred to it by either house;

That 24 members of the House of Commons, to be designated by the house at a later date, be members of the Special Joint Committee, and that Standing Order 67(1) of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto;

That the committee have power to engage the services of such technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, and to print