

## ORDERS OF REFERENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
Thursday, 13th February, 1947.

*Resolved:* That a Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons be appointed to continue and complete the examination and consideration begun by a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons pursuant to a resolution of the House on May 13, 1946, and continued by a Commission under the Inquiries Act, appointed by Order in Council P.C. 3797, dated the 11th day of October, 1946, of the Indian Act, Chapter 98, R.S.C. 1927, and amendments thereto, and to suggest such amendments as they may deem advisable, with authority to investigate and report upon Indian administration in general and, in particular, the following matters:

1. Treaty rights and obligations.
2. Band membership.
3. Liability of Indians to pay taxes.
4. Enfranchisement of Indians both voluntary and involuntary.
5. Eligibility of Indians to vote at Dominion elections.
6. The encroachment of white persons on Indian reserves.
7. The operation of Indian day and residential schools.
8. And any other matter or thing pertaining to the social and economic status of Indians and their advancement, which, in the opinion of such committee, should be incorporated in the revised act.

That the following members be appointed to act on behalf of the House of Commons on the said joint committee, namely: Messrs. Arsenaault, Brown, Brunelle, Bryce, Blackmore, Case, Castleden, Charlton, Church, Farquhar, Gariepy, Gibson (*Comox-Alberni*), Glen, Harkness, Little, Matthews, (*Brandon*), MacLean, MacNicol, Raymond (*Wright*), Reid, Richard (*Gloucester*), Stanfield.

That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting their honours to appoint Senators to act as members of the Senate on the said special joint committee.

That the records, exhibits and evidence received and taken by the joint committee during the last session of Parliament and by the Commission aforesaid, be made available to the said joint committee and made part of the records thereof.

That the said Committee have power to appoint from its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable or necessary to deal with specific phases of the problem aforesaid, with power to call for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath and to print such materials from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee for the use of the Committee and Members of the House of Commons and the Senate.

That the said Committee shall report from time to time and that the provisions of Standing Order 65 limiting the number of members on Special Committees be suspended in relation thereto and that a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours therewith.