

upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time, and that the Committee on Standing Orders be authorized to send for persons, papers and records whenever required.

Motion agreed to.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT STUDY

**Hon. John J. Connolly** with leave of the Senate, moved:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to examine the problem involved in the promotion of the welfare of the aged and aging persons, in order to ensure that in addition to the provision of a sufficient income there are also developed adequate services and facilities of a positive and preventive kind so that older persons may continue to live healthy and useful lives as members of the Canadian community and the need for the maximum co-operation of all levels of government in the promotion thereof;

That the said committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Blois, Brooks, Croll, Dessureault, Fergusson, Gershaw, Grosart, Haig, Hollett, Inman, Jodoin, Lefrançois, Macdonald (Brantford), McGrand, Pearson, Quart, Roebuck, Smith (Kamloops), Smith (Queens-Shelburne) and Sullivan;

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

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, 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;

That the evidence received and taken on the subject at preceding sessions be referred to the committee; and

That the committee be instructed to report to the Senate from time to time its findings, together with such recommendations as it may see fit to make.

He said: Honourable senators are aware that the Special Committee on Aging, which it is now proposed be reconstituted, has been sitting for several sessions. It has done considerable work, and a report is now being prepared. I understand that it still may have to hear evidence. On that latter point, I am not clear. In any event, it is desirable that

the committee be set up now, so that when work is to be done during a recess of the Senate it can be undertaken without delay.

On behalf of the former chairman of the committee, may I say that if the motion is approved the committee will meet in room 356 immediately after the Senate rises this afternoon.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** Honourable senators, I listened to what I supposed to be the terms of reference of the committee to be set up this session. Are the terms of reference the same as last session?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Yes.

**Hon. Mr. Croll:** With the exception that the evidence already heard is to be passed on to the committee.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** It sounded to me rather as if we were going to legislate in committee.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** No. The terms of reference are identical to those used on the last occasion, and the membership of the committee is the same. The only addition to the motion is the reference of the evidence that has already been taken, which will form part of the proceedings of the committee for this session.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** I have no objections.

Motion agreed to.

### EMERGENCY SITTINGS

#### AUTHORITY TO CONVENE SENATE DURING ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. John J. Connolly** moved, with leave of the Senate, seconded by the Honourable Senator Vaillancourt:

That, for the duration of the present session of Parliament, should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate, which would in the opinion of the Honourable the Speaker warrant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to notify honourable senators at their addresses registered with the Clerk of the Senate, to meet at a time earlier than that set out in the motion for such adjournment, and nonreceipt by any one or more honourable senators of such call shall not have any effect upon the sufficiency and validity thereof.

He said: Honourable senators, this is the customary motion at the opening of a session, with a view to accommodating the work of