

Chairmen

69. The Clerk of the Senate shall, as soon as practicable after a committee has been appointed, call an organization meeting of the committee, and the committee shall at that meeting choose a chairman.

Meeting without quorum

70. A quorum is required whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken by a select committee, but any such committee, by resolution thereof, may authorize the chairman to hold meetings to receive and authorize the printing of evidence when a quorum is not present.

Powers

71. A standing committee shall be empowered to inquire into and report upon such matters as are referred to it from time to time by the Senate, and shall be authorized to send for persons, papers and records, whenever required, and to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it.

Senators not members

72. A senator though not a member of a committee may attend and participate in its deliberations but shall not vote.

Public attendance

73. Members of the public may attend any meeting of a committee of the Senate, unless the committee otherwise orders.

Special committees

74. The Senate may appoint such special committees as it deems advisable and may set the terms of reference and indicate the powers to be exercised and the duties to be undertaken by any such committee.

Interested senator not to sit

75. (1) A senator who has any pecuniary interest whatsoever, not held in common with the rest of the Canadian subjects of the Crown, in the matter referred to any select committee, shall not sit on such committee and any question arising in the committee relating to that pecuniary interest may be determined by the committee, subject to an appeal to the Senate.

Sponsoring senator may be member

(2) Subject to subsection (1), a senator on whose motion any bill, petition or other matter is referred to a