

Mr. Beer, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, January 14, 1969, your Committee has considered Bill C-154, the Plant Quarantine Act, and has agreed to report it with the following amendment:

In Clause 7, Sub-clause 2, line 1, after the word "shall", insert the word "knowingly".

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to this Bill (*Issue No. 14*) is tabled.

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*(A Copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report, recorded as Appendix No. 23 to the Journals).*

Mr. Hales, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

The members of your Committee were appointed on October 8, 1968. Since that date a total of twelve meetings has been held.

On October 29, 1968, the House passed the following Order of Reference:

*Ordered,*—That the Public Accounts Volumes I, II and III for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966, laid before the House on January 9, 1967, and the Report of the Auditor General thereon, and the Public Accounts Volumes I, II and III for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967, laid before the House on January 22, 1968, and the Report of the Auditor General thereon, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

In keeping with the tradition established in July 1958, your Committee elected a member of the opposition, Mr. A. D. Hales, as its Chairman. Mr. T. H. Lefebvre was elected Vice-Chairman. On November 7, 1968, it was announced that the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure would consist of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Cafik, Rodrigue and Winch.

Pursuant to the above order of reference, your Committee held two meetings to study the Follow-up Report by the Auditor General to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the action taken by departments and other agencies in response to recommendations made by the Committee. In view of the inability of your Committee to handle the heavy schedule which would have been involved at this time in examining the Reports made by the Auditor General to the House for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1966 and 1967, the members decided to postpone their examination of these matters until the Auditor General completes his Report to the House for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1968 and it is referred to the Committee. In the interim, your Committee has delegated a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Allmand, Burton, Crouse and Rodrigue to study the use of Governor General's Special Warrants. To ease the burden placed upon your Committee by the House, it may become necessary to appoint other sub-committees.

Your Committee noted that as at October 31, 1968, the position of 55 outstanding Committee recommendations that had been reported to the House was commented upon by the Auditor General as follows: