

ORDER OF REFERENCE

Extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate, Thursday, November 5, 1987:

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That the Committee present its report no later than March 29, 1988.

After debate and—

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative."

Le greffier du Sénat

Charles Lussier

Clerk of the Senate

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Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Sénat, le jeudi 5 novembre 1987:

«Avec la permission du Sénat,

L'honorable sénateur Doody propose, appuyé par l'honorable sénateur Phillips,

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Que le Comité présente son rapport au plus tard le 29 mars 1988.

Après débat,

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée.»

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