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History of Committee and List of Briefs

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 1968, the Economic Council of Canada presented its *Fifth Annual Review* to the government. One of the eight chapters of the review dealt solely with the problem of poverty in Canada and suggested the Senate of Canada might consider the advisability of creating a committee to enquire into this problem.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Within a month, on October 8, 1968, it was moved in the Senate "that a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to investigate and report upon all aspects of poverty in Canada, whether urban, rural, regional or otherwise, to define and elucidate the problem of poverty in Canada, and to recommend appropriate action to ensure the establishment of a more effective structure of remedial measures." The motion was agreed to on November 26, 1968.

THE HEARINGS

The public hearings began on April 22, 1969 and were completed on November 10, 1970. The Committee heard from all federal and provincial government agencies who wished to be heard as well as from professional agencies, community groups and in some special cases, individuals.

The Committee held 93 public hearings at which 209 briefs were presented by 810 witnesses. In addition members of the Committee met with hundreds