

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following bill to which the concurrence of this House is desired:

Bill S-17, An Act respecting The National Sanitarium Association.—*Mr. Small.*

The said bill was deemed to have been read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 103(2).

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following bill without amendment:

Bill C-47, An Act to amend the Department of Justice Act.

Mrs. Fairclough, seconded by Mr. Charlton, moved,—That a Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons be appointed to continue the examination and consideration, begun by a Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons, pursuant to a resolution of the House on April 29, 1959, of the Indian Act, Chapter 149, R.S.C. 1952, and amendments thereto, and to suggest such amendments as they may deem advisable, with authority to investigate and report upon Indian administration in general and, in particular, on the social and economic status of the Indians;

That twenty-four Members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, act on behalf of the House as Members of the said Committee, and that Standing Order 67 (1) of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto;

That the records, exhibits and evidence received and taken by the Joint Committee during the last session of Parliament aforesaid be made available to the said Joint Committee and made part of the records thereof;

That the said Committee have power to call for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses under oath; to sit while the House is sitting, and to report from time to time; and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee and that Standing Order 66 be suspended in relation thereto;

And that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed Joint Committee.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

9th March 1960

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-