

Senator Brunt, the following motion standing on the Order Paper in my name:

1. That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to study and report upon the trends in manpower requirements and utilization in Canada, with the object of exploring the possibilities of maintaining and extending a high level of employment and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to inquire into and report upon the following:

- (a) the growth of the economy and of other factors influencing employment opportunities, including particularly technological changes; and
- (b) the growth and characteristics of the Canadian labour force;

2. That the said committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Blois, Bouffard, Brunt, Buchanan, Burchill, Cameron, Choquette, Connolly (Ottawa West), Courtemanche, Croll, Emerson, Haig, Higgins, Hnatyshyn, Horner, Hugessen, Inman, Irvine, Lambert, Leonard, MacDonald, Méthot, Monette, Pratt, Reid, Roebuck, Smith (Queens-Shelburne), Thorvaldson, Vaillancourt, Wall, White and Wilson (32);

3. That the committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical and clerical personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry; and

4. That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, and to report from time to time.

Honourable senators will remember that on Thursday, the 5th day of May last, immediately after the Easter recess, I gave notice of a similar motion. On the 10th of May—that was the following Tuesday—the debate on the motion opened, and it continued on the 11th, 12th, 17th and 18th, on which date the motion was adopted. The committee was then established, held several meetings, and appointed the usual steering committee. It furnished its final report on July 27.

The object of this motion, honourable senators, is to re-establish the Special Committee on Manpower and Employment that was set up last May, which had not enough time to complete its work on account of the fact that Parliament prorogued on the 10th of August. On that date all special committees died a natural death, and any which had not completed their work will have to be set up again.

Honourable senators will also remember that at the organization meeting of the committee which we set up last session to make this important study the honourable senator from

Shawinigan (Hon. Mr. Méthot) was chosen chairman, and the honourable senator from Queens-Shelburne (Hon. Mr. Smith) was chosen deputy chairman.

As I have said, the committee held several meetings and appointed a steering committee of eight members, which went to work immediately. After careful consideration of the magnitude of the problems to be investigated and the scope to be covered, the committee discussed the matter of obtaining technical assistance, and the steering committee was requested to get in touch with Mr. John J. Deutsch, to find out if he were available. Honourable senators will recall that the Standing Committee on Finance was fortunate enough to secure the assistance of Mr. Deutsch in 1959, when that committee investigated the matter of inflation. This gentleman was formerly employed by the Canadian Government for many years, in many capacities, and I think I am quite safe in saying that his services on behalf of the Standing Committee on Finance were very much appreciated. Mr. Deutsch is at present Vice-Principal of Queen's University. Upon being approached, he agreed to assist the Manpower and Employment Committee in a similar way to that in which he assisted the Standing Committee on Finance in 1959, provided that he was furnished with the personnel he required to make the necessary research.

After careful consideration the committee decided to employ the services of Mr. Deutsch, and before prorogation and during the three months since prorogation he has been coming to Ottawa one day a week and working with the assistance of certain other persons. One of these is Mr. Frank Denton, an economist from the city of Toronto, who was highly recommended by Mr. Deutsch. Another is Professor W. C. Hood, of the Department of Political Economy of the University of Toronto. Another one is Mr. R. W. James, on loan from the Department of National Defence. Then there is Mrs. Sylvia Ostry, Assistant Professor of Economics at McGill University, specializing in the field of labour economics. There is also Professor S. Judek, of the University of Ottawa; and there are certain other officials from the economics branch of the Department of Labour. All these people have been working on the matter. Under the direction of Mr. Deutsch a series of six research projects was started by these people before prorogation in order to provide the committee, when reconstituted, with all the background that could be obtained. At that time it was anticipated that Parliament would meet in November, and the aim of Mr. Deutsch has been to have the results of the research program