

Senate. When the report is adopted, a Message is sent to the House of Commons informing that House of the names of the senators nominated to serve on the special joint committee.

See Journals of the Senate, 1977-78, p. 546.

Special Senate Committees

A senator may move that a special Senate committee be appointed.

See Rule 74.

A special committee has no power to engage counsel or staff, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, or to adjourn from place to place, unless so authorized by way of motion. If a special committee is reconstituted in a new session of Parliament, the papers and evidence received by it in the preceding session(s) are, by motion, referred to it.

See Journals of the Senate, 1979, p. 93.

Powers of Standing Committees

Only the Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders and the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration have continuing power under the Rules of the Senate to consider and report upon certain matters without special reference by the Senate.

See Rules 67(1)(e) and 67(1)(f).

A standing Senate committee may, by motion, be empowered to engage the services of such counsel and technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of its inquiry, to meet during sittings and adjournments of the Senate and to adjourn from place to place. The committee may be given additional powers by way of motion.

See Journals of the Senate, 1979, pp. 114, 256.

The authority of the Senate is necessary for any change in membership of a standing Senate committee. The motion to this effect is usually moved by the Government Whip or the Opposition Whip.

In the case of a joint committee, a Message is sent to the House of Commons to inform that House of the change.

See Journals of the Senate, 1977-78, p. 585.

The quorum for a standing Senate committee is set out in Rule 67. The quorum for a special Senate committee is set out in Rule 70.

If a select committee wishes to reduce its quorum it usually seeks such authorization by means of a report.

See Journals of the Senate, 1979, p. 113.