

From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

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The third Order of Reference before your Committee dealing with the lack of any redress on the part of the House of Commons when a confidential document in the possession of the Government is made public, has only been dealt with in a preliminary manner. With the expectation that this matter will be again referred to your Committee, preliminary studies have been ordered.

Your Committee has not completed its studies of any of the above matters and does not expect to be able to do so this session. Your Committee recommends therefore that all of the above matters be again referred to it in the next session together with the evidence adduced in relation thereto.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive*) is tabled.

(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 99 to the Journals).

Mr. Lefebvre for Mr. Hales, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 25, 1970, which referred the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1969, and Volume I of the Auditor General's Report, your Committee undertook a study of the Proposed Auditor General of Canada Act which appears as APPENDIX 2 on page 158 of this Report. This Proposed Act had been drawn up as a result of a series of recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in its Third Report to the House, June 28, 1966, part of which follows:

"The Committee is of the opinion that all the characteristics, duties and functions of the Office of the Auditor General, including the foregoing recommendations, should be set out in a separate Act of Parliament governing this Office instead of being a part of the Financial Administration Act.

The Committee is requesting the Auditor General to consult his legal advisers and to co-operate with them in drafting such an Act for submission to the Committee and to the government."

Because of the discussion that has arisen in the House and elsewhere over the role of the Auditor General, your Committee began a series of meetings to study this Proposed Auditor General of Canada Act and to hear the views of both Government and outside officials on one of our most important offices of Parliament.