

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE SENATE,

11th July, 1947.

The Special Joint Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms met at 12.00 o'clock noon. The Joint Chairmen, Right Honourable J. L. Ilsley and Honourable Senator L. M. Gouin were present. Mr. Ilsley presided.

Also present:

The Senate: Honourable Senators Burchill, Crerar, Fallis, Horner, Roebuck, Turgeon.

The House of Commons: Mrs. Strum and Messrs. Beaudoin, Belzile, Benedickson, Croll, Hansell, Herridge, Irvine, Marier, Rinfret, Stewart (*Winnipeg North*).

The Chairman read the following letter relating to proceedings on the subject-matter of Bill No. 133, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Illegal Organizations):

OTTAWA, 7th July, 1947.

Dear Mr. LACROIX,—Your letter of July 1st was read to the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms when it met last Friday. Your letter was carefully considered and there was considerable discussion of its contents.

The Committee will meet again on Friday of this week and it is anticipated that this will be its final meeting. The Committee was of opinion that if you were to make your presentation next Friday it would be impossible for them to give the full consideration to your bill which it deserves in time to permit the matter to be dealt with in their final report. It was felt that in a matter of this kind it would be necessary not only to hear your representations but those of others who might be interested in the subject matter of the bill.

I was directed to write you advising you of the Committee's views in the premises. The Committee is fully aware of your desire to have the subject matter of your bill considered, but in the circumstances it would appear preferable to contemplate this consideration at the next session, when, as you state in your letter, you will be introducing your bill again. I may say that the Committee decided to recommend in its final report that the Government give consideration to the setting up of a Committee next year having terms of reference similar to those of the present Committee.

Yours very truly,

J. L. ILSLEY.

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