

That the committee report no later than six months after its membership is named;

That the committee have all of the powers provided to standing committees pursuant to Standing Order 69(8);

That the committee have the power to retain expert, professional, technical and clerical staff and that for these purposes the committee be deemed never to have ceased to exist;

That the committee be empowered to adjourn from place to place within Canada;

That the evidence adduced by the committee in the first session of the present Parliament, be deemed to have been referred to the committee; and

That the provisions of sections (4) and (9) of Standing Order 69 of the House of Commons should be suspended, unless otherwise agreed to by this committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council have unanimous consent to move this motion?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Thank you for authorizing my microphone to be activated so that I might be heard, Mr. Speaker. For the record, the same assurances are given with respect to this motion as was given to previous ones.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I give the same assurance with respect to the motion I am putting now and to the next two that I will give.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have unanimous consent to move this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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SENATE REFORM

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move:

That the House of Commons do unite with the Senate in the appointment of a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons to consider and report upon ways by which the Senate of Canada could be reformed in order to strengthen its role in representing people from all regions of Canada and to enhance the authority of Parliament to speak and act on behalf of Canadians in all parts of the country;

That the Committee include in its final report recommendations concerning the method of selection, powers, length of term for Senators, distribution of seats and other matters that the Committee considers relevant to the reform of the Senate;

That the Members of the House of Commons to act on behalf of the House as members of the said Committee be Mr. Comtois, Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Crosby (Halifax West), Mr. Gourde (Lévis), Mr. Harquail, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Portelance, Mr. Roy and Mr. Thacker;

That the Committee have power to appoint, from among its members, such sub-committees as it may deem advisable or necessary;

That the Committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House;

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That the Committee have power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within Canada;

That the quorum of the Committee be 10 members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the Committee be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, whenever 5 members are present, so long as both Houses are represented;

That the Committee be empowered to retain the services of professional, clerical and stenographic staff as deemed advisable by the Joint Chairmen and that for these purposes the committee be deemed never to have ceased to exist;

That the Committee present its final report no later than January 31, 1984;

That the evidence adduced by the Committee in the first session of the present Parliament be referred to the Committee; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate to inform that House accordingly.

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Thank you for authorizing the controller to activate my microphone so that I might be heard, Mr. Speaker. That was the Committee that I was concerned about. The reporting date being January 31. Doubts have been expressed by some Members as to whether or not they can complete their work by that date. I would simply suggest that the Government convey to the Members of both this House and the other place that should it become necessary to go beyond the 31st in their collective opinion, they can always come back to the House for an extended date for reporting.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council have unanimous consent to move this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture review all relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act relating to the taxation of visual and performing artists and writers including, but not limited to, the criteria for establishing the professional status of visual and performing artists and of writers and the method for determining allowable business deductions for such artists and to recommend any changes that the Committee deems necessary and proper;

That such review include the hearing and consideration of the views of interested parties and organizations; and

That the Evidence adduced before the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture in the first Session of this Parliament, be referred to the Committee.

I can give the Hon. Member the assurance he asked for.