

## 7. KEY PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT AND THE EMERGENCIES ACT

### *The National Defence Act*

#### *Section 31*

The Governor in Council may place the Canadian forces, or any component, ...thereof...on active service anywhere in or beyond Canada at any time when it appears advisable to do so

- (a) by reason of an emergency, for the defence of Canada; or
- (b) in consequence of any action undertaken by Canada under the United Nations Charter, the North Atlantic Treaty or any other similar instrument for collective defence that may be entered into by Canada.

#### *Section 32*

If Parliament is not meeting at the time forces are placed on active service:

...a proclamation shall be issued for the meeting of Parliament within ten days...

### *Part XI, Aid to the Civil Power*

An attorney general of a province may request the aid of the armed forces in instances when:

...a riot or disturbance of the peace, beyond the powers of the civil authorities to suppress, prevent or deal with...occurs or is, in the opinion of an attorney general, considered likely to occur.