

THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 29, 1969

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald tabled:

Report of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada for the year ended December 31, 1968, pursuant to section 23 of the Canada Grain Act, chapter 25, R.S.C., 1952.

Report of the National Museums of Canada, together with a statement of Expenditures and Transactions certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969, pursuant to section 22 of the National Museums Act, chapter 21, Statutes of Canada, 1967-68.

Report on the Administration of Part I of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969, pursuant to section 25 of the said Act, chapter 34, Statutes of Canada, 1959.

Report of the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969, pursuant to section 10 of the Eastern Rocky Mountain Forest Conservation Act, chapter 59, Statutes of Canada, 1947.

Report of Operations under the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969, pursuant to section 12(2) of the said Act, chapter 46, Statutes of Canada, 1955.

POVERTY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That the names of the honourable Senators Connolly (Halifax North) and MacDonald (Queens) be added to the list of senators serving on the Special Committee of the Senate appointed to investigate and report all aspects of poverty in Canada; and

That the name of the honourable Senator Nichol be removed from the list of

senators serving on the said special committee.

Motion agreed to.

MASS MEDIA

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Keith Davey, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report upon the ownership and control of the major means of mass public communication in Canada, in particular, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to examine and report upon the extent and nature of their impact and influence on the Canadian public, to be known as the Special Committee of the Senate on Mass Media;

That the committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

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

That the committee have power to sit during adjournments of the Senate and that Rule 76(4) be suspended in relation to this special committee from 9th to 18th December, 1969, both inclusive, and the committee have power to sit during sittings of the Senate;

That the papers and evidence received and taken on the subject in the preceding session be referred to the committee; and

That the committee be composed of the honourable Senators Beaubien, Davey, Everett, Giguère, Hays, Irvine, Langlois, Macdonald (Cape Breton), McElman, Patten, Prowse, Sparrow, Urquhart, White and Willis.

He said: I wish to thank honourable senators for giving me leave to present this motion; also, I wish to make three brief comments.

First, the name of the committee has been changed in a minor way. It is now being called the Special Senate Committee on Mass