

### THE CONSTITUTION

#### SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—APPROVAL OF TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that I have received a message from the House of Commons in the following words:

Thursday, November 13, 1980

Ordered,—That, further to the resolution of this House of January 25, 1977, as subsequently implemented, this House approves the television and radio broadcasting of the proceedings of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution on the basis of the same principles and practice, *mutatis mutandis*, governing the broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of Commons, including the concept of “electronic Hansard”, provided that any sub-committee of the said Committee, shall not be broadcast by television, but shall be broadcast by radio, except the sub-committee on Agenda, which shall not be broadcast;

That it be an instruction to the Committee that it undertake the aforementioned action as soon as physically possible without disturbing the proceedings of the Committee now undertaken or planned;

That it be an instruction to the Committee that all decisions concerning the implementation of this Order shall be taken only by the Committee’s sub-committee on Agenda; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate asking Their Honours to unite with this House in the aforementioned actions.

Attest

C. B. Koester  
*The Clerk of the House of Commons*

Honourable senators, when shall this message be taken into consideration?

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, with leave, now.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is leave granted, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Senator Frith:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), I move:

That the Senate unite with the House of Commons in the approval of the television and radio broadcasting of the proceedings of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada on the basis of the same principles and practice, *mutatis mutandis*, governing the broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of Commons, including the concept of “electronic *Hansard*”, provided that any subcommittee of the said Committee, shall not be broadcast by television, but shall be broadcast by radio, except the Subcommittee on Agenda, which shall not be broadcast;

That it be an instruction to the Committee that it undertake the aforementioned action as soon as physically possible without disturbing the proceedings of the Committee now undertaken or planned;

That it be an instruction to the Committee that all decisions concerning the implementation of this Order shall be taken only by the Committee’s Subcommittee on Agenda; and

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

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, November 18, 1980, at 8 p.m.