

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, October 9, 1945.

The Special Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Members present: Messrs. Benidickson, Blair, Bruce, Cleaver, Cruickshank, Dorion, Fulton, Gillis, Harkness, Herridge, Isnor, Jutras, Langlois, Lennard, Marshall, Mackenzie, Macdonald (*Halifax*), Merritt, Probe, Quelch, Ross (*Souris*), Tucker, Viau, Wright.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver, seconded by Mr. Isnor, Mr. W. A. Tucker was elected Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Jutras, seconded by Mr. Benidickson, Mr. L. D. Tremblay was elected vice-chairman.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver, it was resolved that a steering committee, consisting of the following members, be appointed: the Chairman, the Vice-chairman and Messrs. Croll, Green, Brooks, Wright and Quelch.

Mr. Cruickshank moved that the Committee ask that its quorum be reduced to 20 and that Section 3 of Standing Order 65 be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. Cleaver moved, in amendment, that 15 be substituted for 20.

After discussion, Mr. Cleaver, by leave, withdrew his amendment and Mr. Cruickshank's motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Lennard, it was resolved that the Committee ask leave to sit while the House is sitting.

Discussion followed as to the days on which the Committee would sit and it was agreed that this matter should be considered and reported upon by the steering committee.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver, it was ordered that 2,000 copies in English and 500 copies in French of the minutes and proceedings of the Committee be printed from day to day.

Mr. Mackenzie suggested that the Committee give consideration to three draft bills, which he tabled, viz.:

An Act to amend the War Service Grants Act;

An Act respecting War Veterans' Allowances;

An Act relating to Fire Fighters who served in the United Kingdom and to certain Supervisors in the Auxiliary Services.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver, it was ordered that draft bills prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs for submission to the Committee be printed and distributed to its members.

In reply to a question by Mr. Isnor, Mr. Mackenzie assured the Committee that it was his intention to have the claims of the Merchant Marine and of all other auxiliary or attached services reviewed by the Committee.

At 11.50 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, October 11, at 10.30 o'clock, a.m.