

Report of the Committee

Thursday, May 2, 1974.

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce to which was referred Bill C-6, intituled: "An Act to amend the National Parks Act", has, in obedience to the order of reference of Tuesday, April 23, 1974, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

In addition, your Committee desires to state that, despite the urgency of this legislation in the present circumstances, it should at once indicate its opposition to the principle of clause 2 of Bill C-6, and that it should serve notice that the clause will not be taken as a precedent in so far as the Senate is concerned and that such provisions, which fail to recognize sound parliamentary principles, should not be included in future. Moreover, the inconsistency between clause 2 and clause 10 of the Bill should also be noted. Obviously the establishment of new parks and the significant enlargement of existing parks should be dealt with on the same basis.

However, the Committee considers that the availability of the beneficial provisions of the Bill should not, at this time, be delayed because of the defects noted above.

Respectfully submitted.

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Chairman.