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PRAYERS

Mr. Jerome, from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, presented the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Friday, March 2, 1973, your Committee has considered the subject-matter of a National Holiday in the period January, February and March.

Your Committee recommends:

(1) That the Government consider the advisability of introducing legislation to establish the third Monday of February as a new legal holiday;

(2) That this holiday be kept and observed under the name of Heritage Day;

(3) That the particular aspect of our heritage to be honoured on this day should be varied by proclamation from year to year. In the opinion of the Committee the focal point of the celebration for the first year should be the Canadian Flag, for the second year our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and for the third year, our native peoples;

(4) That a new Standing Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, chaired by the Speakers of both Houses, should be established to recommend to the Government the theme of the holiday from year to year;

(5) That the Government consider the advisability of issuing a special stamp and coin each year to mark the celebration more fully.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 30, 31 and 32*) is tabled.

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(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 74 to the Journals*).

Mr. Buchanan, from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

While considering the Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the year ended March 31, 1972, your Committee agreed to the following motion:

That your Committee recommends that the repeated requests of the Yukon Territorial Council for Government