

Motions

strange double standard being applied in the House in dealing with the House Leader for the Official Opposition. He is given leeway that no other Member is ever given.

Some Hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is not the intention of the Chair to do anything other than deal with Hon. Members as evenly and fairly as possible. Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council have the unanimous consent of the House to introduce this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, we have here the same procedure again. I would like to move the following motion:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider the Reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages;

That all such reports be deemed to have been or to be upon tabling referred to the Committee;

That nine Members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, be members on the part of this House on the Special Joint Committee;

That the Committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

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

That the Committee be empowered to retain professional, clerical and stenographic help as may be required;

That a quorum of the Committee be four members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the Joint Chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when three members are present so long as both Houses are represented; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that that House do unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it to be advisable, members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move this motion?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Thank you for authorizing the controller to activate my microphone so that I can be heard, Mr. Speaker. Would the Parliamentary Secretary again give us the same assurance with respect to that motion as he has with respect to the previous two?

There is one other thing that should be said about this particular Committee. I understand that in its interim report a

completion date on its work has been placed which some Members feel is unlikely to be met. I assume that under those circumstances the Government would convey to the committee members, both in this place and the other place, that the option is open to them to submit a further interim report to their respective Houses requesting an extension of time to sit if that indeed is necessary.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I can give the same assurance. In fact, I have other motions to present and I can give the same assurance with all those motions at once, but I think the Hon. Member is thinking of the wrong motion. This one establishes the Joint Committee on Official Languages, and the one to which he is referring is the Joint Committee on Senate Reform.

Mr. Nielsen: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Parliamentary Secretary have unanimous consent of the House to introduce this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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VISIBLE MINORITIES

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move also:

That a Special Committee consisting of Mr. Daudlin, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lewycky, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Mitges, Mr. Paproski and Mr. Veillette act as Parliamentary Task Force on Participation of Visible Minorities in Canadian Society, be appointed to examine the subject-matter described by its title, and in particular:

(1) to seek positive and constructive ideas and models pertaining explicitly to ameliorating relations within Canada between visible minority and other Canadians;

(2) to identify and investigate positive examples and models of the promotion of harmonious relations between visible minority Canadians and other Canadians, particularly in institutional areas, and find ways and means of improving those relations;

(3) to seek the views that contribute constructively and positively to the promotion of racial tolerance, understanding and harmony of concerned voluntary, community and minority groups and organizations and individuals, as well as business, professional and trade associations, labour unions, public and private institutions and relevant specialists;

(4) within a general review to consider Federal Government policies and programs in the area of race relations;

(5) to recommend the development of positive programs that the Committee finds necessary to promote racial understanding, tolerance and harmony in Canadian society; and

(6) to encourage the continuation of the dialogue that will be initiated, in a climate that is open and constructive.