

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE  
DELIBERATIONS CARRIED ON IN FRENCH ON THIS DATE

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The CHAIRMAN: It gives me great pleasure to welcome the French-speaking members of this Committee. I trust they will not hesitate to express themselves in their own language if they so wish, and it would perhaps be an obligation upon them to do so. The Committee has the services of bilingual stenographers and interpreters and members are entitled to express themselves in one or other of the two official languages.

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The INTERPRETER: It is ordered that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be authorized to print the documents and testimony, publication of which it will order; that in this connection application of section 66 of the regulation be suspended; that the quorum be reduced from 15 to 10 members; and that application of section 65(1)(e) of the regulation be suspended in this connection.

It is ordered that the reports of the Canada Council for fiscal years ended 31st of March 1961 and 31st of March 1962, which were put before the House on the 1st of July 1961 and the 10th of October 1962, respectively, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts so that they might examine them, pursuant to section 23 of the Canada Council Act.

It is ordered that the Public Accounts (volumes I, II and III), together with the Auditor General's report for the financial year ending the 31st of March 1961, and that the financial statement of the Canada Council, for the fiscal years ended the 31st of March 1961 and 1962 together with the Auditor General's report relating thereto, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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The CHAIRMAN: Our Committee is well aware of the fact that it is considering all government expenditures. It offers the Auditor General a unique opportunity of presenting his views on these expenditures.

For four years our Committee has worked hard as a team in which each member contributed his wholehearted co-operation without regard to party political differences. It has always known how to place the interests of the nation above individual interest.

I am convinced that it will continue to be like this and that the Committee, once again this year, will be extremely careful to be fair toward the witnesses, whose task is very difficult.

M. ALEXIS CARON: All those reports are available to us?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.