

possible to accept a given deadline, and it is not always easy for a Parliamentarian to appreciate that a deadline must take into account not only the time required to prepare the paper but the time before a start can be made on it. Research officers carry backlogs of up to four, frequently complex, projects, committing them for months ahead. Nevertheless, very few requests were declined, always because of the deadline and not the subject. Even in these cases, requests have usually been partially satisfied through the provision of material by the Reference Branch. The following work comparison is interesting.

	1969-70	1968-69
<i>House of Commons</i>		
Liberals	53	55
P.C.	37	40
Others	51	41
<i>Senate</i>	12	20
<i>Committees & Associations</i>	30	26
	TOTAL	183
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B. Parliamentary Committees

Work for Committees accounted for only a relatively small percentage of requests, but this work tends to be intensive and time-consuming, frequently calling for direct participation by research officers in the proceedings of the Committee. The need to second an officer to a Committee on a full-time basis appears desirable, but only increased staff can make this possible.

Examples of work for Committees follow. The Chief of the Research Branch continued to attend the meetings of, and provide continuing assistance to, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization. He prepared papers on *Allocation of Time Procedures in the British House of Commons*, and *The Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings by Sound and Television: Aspects of Law and Privilege*. The Chief of the Branch is currently engaged in other background research relating to matters referred to the Committee. A survey of the Canadian Statutes from the point of view of delegated legislative power was prepared for the Special Committee on Statutory Instruments by the Assistant Chief of the Branch during the period under review as mentioned in our last report. The Branch's senior economist provided regular and continuing service to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs. He attended the hearings on interest rates and the inflationary problem, and summarized the briefs presented to this Committee. At the request of the Chairman, he was involved in the preparation of the Committee's final report on these hearings working with its professional advisers. His particular role was to clarify the continuity in the evidence presented and to evaluate and analyze the evidence of each expert witness in the light of the evidence presented by the others.

Two studies were completed for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development; one on arctic sovereignty, the other a summarization of the conclusions of the Hawthorn-

Tremblay Report relating to the education of Canadian Indians. In requesting this latter project, the Chairman stated that he was approaching the Research Branch "rather than requesting permission to hire a consultant".

Two research officers prepared five studies for the Special Senate Committee on Mass Media and the same officers made two visits to Toronto to consult with members of the Committee's research team there.

Projects were prepared for the Special Senate Committee on Poverty on the European approach to the redistribution of income; redistribution legislation in Canada; problems of female heads of families.

A paper, *Political and Cultural Implications of Direct Satellite Broadcasting*, was requested by the Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts. It was also used as the basis of an address by the Chairman to the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its Spring 1970 meeting in Monaco. The Assistant Chief is currently engaged in preparing a study for this Committee on the problem relating to Copyright.

C. Parliamentary Associations

Work for parliamentary associations continued to take a large percentage of the time and energy of the Research Branch. The Chief of the Branch was responsible, in co-operation with the Chief of the Inter-Parliamentary Relations Branch, House of Commons, for the preparation and secretarial organization of the Conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers, including the compilation of the agenda, the drafting of the Conference Rules, and the preparation of background papers on certain items of the agenda. He headed a team of six which served the Conference from September 8 to 12, 1969, and personally attended every session. He and another officer prepared the interim and final reports of the Conference.

Until his appointment to the new position of Clerk Assistant (Legal) in the House of Commons in October, 1969, Mr. M. Pelletier worked regularly for L'Association internationale des Parlementaires de langue française, and L'Association interparlementaire Canada-France. In September, 1969, he attended the meeting of the latter association which took place in Jasper. He is missed in the Research Branch, of course, but we wish him success in his new position, and are proud that the Prime Minister should choose as the first appointee to this important position a member of the staff of the Library of Parliament.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

A. Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

Three meetings were held, June 18, 1969, February 26, 1970, and March 5, 1970.

The June meeting was chaired by the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, and attended by the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian.