

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1955.

Pursuant to Rule and notice the Special Committee on the Traffic in Narcotic Drugs in Canada met this day at 11.30 a.m.

Present: The Honourable Senators: Baird, Burchill, Gershaw, Hayden, Hodges, Horner, Howden, Hugessen, Leger, McIntyre, Quinn, Reid, Turgeon, Vaillancourt and Veniot—15.

On motion of the Honourable Senator Howden, the Honourable Senator Reid was elected Chairman.

Following discussion it was Resolved that a Steering Committee be appointed, the membership to be selected by the Chairman.

(The Honourable Senators Burchill, Gershaw, Hayden, Horner and Reid were selected to comprise the Steering Committee.)

It was Resolved to report as follows:—

The Committee recommend:

1. That its quorum be reduced to seven (7) members.
2. That it be authorized to print 800 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its proceedings, and that Rule 100 be suspended in relation to the said printing.

At 11.45 a.m. the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

TUESDAY, March 15, 1955.

Pursuant to adjournment and notice the Special Committee on the Traffic in Narcotic Drugs in Canada met this day at 10.30 a.m.

Present: The Honourable Senators: Reid, Chairman; Baird, Gershaw, Grant, Hodges, Horner, Howden, Leger, Quinn, Stambaugh, Turgeon and Veniot—12.

In attendance: The official Reporters of the Senate.

The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, read a prepared statement and was questioned by members of the Committee.

The following documents were tabled:—

Opium and Narcotic Laws of the United States.

The Dangerous Drugs Act for the United Kingdom.

The Mental Hygiene Act, Saskatchewan.

The Narcotic Drug Addicts Act, Manitoba.

The Mental Hospitals Act, Ontario.

The Private Sanatoria Act, Ontario.

The Psychiatric Hospitals Act, Ontario.

The Provincial Hospital Act, New Brunswick.

The Narcotic Drug Addicts Act, Nova Scotia.

The Mental Diseases Act, Alberta.