

THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 23, 1957

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

STANDING COMMITTEES

QUORUM REDUCED

The first report of each of the following standing committees, presented by or on behalf of its Chairman, recommended that its quorum be reduced as follows:

The Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Bouffard), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Asestine), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Civil Service Administration, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Cameron), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Dessureault), quorum five members.

The Committee on Public Health and Welfare, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Veniot), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Transport and Communications, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Hugessen), quorum nine members.

The Committee on Debates and Reporting, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Davies), quorum three members.

The Committee on Finance, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Hawkins), quorum nine members.

The Committee on Banking and Commerce, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Hayden), nine members.

The Committee on Standing Orders, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Bishop), quorum three members.

The Committee on Natural Resources, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt), quorum nine members.

The Committee on Immigration and Labour, (Chairman, Hon. Mrs. Wilson), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Canadian Trade Relations, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. McLean), quorum seven members.

STANDING COMMITTEES

INQUIRY AND ANSWER

Hon. Jean-Francois Pouliot inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

1. What is the membership, the quorum, the purpose and the jurisdiction of each one of the sixteen standing committees of the Senate?

2. Besides the yearly routine meetings to set a quorum and elect a chairman, how many meetings of each standing committee were held during each one of the last ten sessions of Parliament?

3. For each standing committee how many subcommittees were there?

4. What is the membership, the quorum, the purpose and the jurisdiction of each said committee?

5. In what year were the said subcommittees appointed for the first time?

6. How many meetings of each one of the said subcommittees have been held during each one of the last ten sessions of Parliament?

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable senators, I have the answer to the honourable gentleman's inquiry.

For text of answer see appendix to today's Hansard, pp. 38-43.

NARCOTIC CONTROL BILL

INQUIRY

Hon. Thomas Reid: Honourable senators, I would like to direct a question to the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig). Would he be good enough to find out and report later, if he has not the information now, what is the intention of the Government with regard to the Narcotic Control Bill which passed this house after a report by a Senate committee?

Hon. Mr. Haig: I shall make inquiries.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 6

THIRD READING

Hon. John T. Haig moved the third reading of Bill 11, for granting Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1958.

Hon. Thomas Vien: Honourable senators, I have read with much attention what the Minister of Finance said in the other place, and I think it is quite clear that this bill is simply an interim bill, leaving open one-twelfth of all the items of the estimates—the main estimates, supplementary estimates, and further supplementary estimates which have been filed since the opening of the session. Therefore every department of state remains open to inspection and discussion for one-twelfth of the budget and estimates and supplementary estimates for the year ending the 31st March, 1958. Of course this procedure is somewhat unusual, but under the circumstances it is quite satisfactory to me.