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RULES OF THE SENATE

FOURTH REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE  
ON THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Thursday, November 28, 1968.

The Special Committee of the Senate on the Rules of the Senate makes its Fourth Report as follows:

1. Under authority of the Resolution passed by the Senate at its sitting Thursday, September 19th, 1968, reading as follows:

"The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator McDonald:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to examine the Rules of the Senate, and to recommend to the Senate any changes therein considered by the Committee to be either necessary or desirable; and

That the Committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee and to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate."

a Special Committee composed of the following:

The Honourable Senators	
Aird	Macdonald
Choquette	(Cape Breton)
Connolly	Martin
(Ottawa West)	McDonald
Desruisseux	Molson
Everett	(Chairman)
Flynn	Phillips
Haig	(Rigaud)
Lang	Stanbury
(Vice Chairman)	Thorvaldson
Langlois	White
Leonard	

has met and now submits its Report.

2. A proper understanding of the Rules of the Senate required a study of the constitutional background of these Rules. Your Committee therefore examined the British North America Act and the statutes listed in Appendix "A" to this report. In addition the Rules of the House of Lords, of the Senate of the

United States of America, and previous debates of the Senate of Canada on this subject, were considered.

3. Throughout its study, your Committee was aware of the need to accelerate the legislative process, and the widespread public criticism of the whole parliamentary process as it exists in Canada today. Your Committee has therefore satisfied itself that the Rules recommended to the Senate will permit the Senate to assume greater legislative responsibility without sacrificing its customary scrutiny of the legislation itself. In addition, in recommending the amendments set forth as a Schedule to this report, your Committee also recommends that the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders be instructed to keep under constant study the Rules and to recommend periodic revisions thereto. Your Committee further recommends that the proposed Rules, as adopted by the Senate, be printed in the English and French languages in conformity with the arrangement, style, numbering, and lettering used in the Statutes of Canada, with a detailed index, an appendix showing a bibliography of related statutes, and an appendix of relevant forms of proceedings, the responsibility therefor to be entrusted to the Clerk of the Senate, the Law Clerk, and Legal Counsel of your Committee.

4. In the course of study, however, it became apparent that amendments to the Rules would not be sufficient to enable the Senate to carry out effectively its role as one of the three vital parts of the Parliament of Canada in accordance with the terms of Section 17 of the B.N.A. Act:

"There shall be one Parliament for Canada, consisting of the Queen, an Upper House styled the Senate, and the House of Commons."

Fully aware that the underlying reason for the establishment of your Committee was the desire of the members that the Senate continue to make its maximum contribution to the welfare of the Canadian People, your Committee soon realized that revision of the Rules

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