

duty to file this petition with the House of Commons pursuant to my undertaking to this group.

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## PENSION REFORM

### APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I believe you will find there have been consultations and there is unanimous consent to introduce a series of motions to re-establish committees and so on. On that basis I move:

That a Special Committee consisting of nine Members to act as a Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform, be appointed to examine and report upon the proposals for reform of the Canadian retirement income system contained in the Government of Canada's paper "Better Pensions for Canadians" with particular reference to the following:

- (1) the method of inflation protection proposed for employer-sponsored pension plans;
- (2) the changes proposed in survivor benefits under the Canada and Quebec Pension Plan;
- (3) the issue of expanding mandatory pension arrangements, including:
  - (a) the size of any expansion of mandatory pension arrangements required to enable Canadians to avoid serious disruption of their living standards upon retirement;
  - (b) the nature of any expansion, be it through the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans, through compulsory employer-sponsored plans or through some other means; and
  - (c) when any recommended expansion of benefits and contributions should come into effect.
- (4) the financing of the Canada Pension Plan;
- (5) the proposals to overcome the special problems facing women, including homemakers, under the current pension system; provided

That changes in membership of the committee be made only pursuant to Standing Order 69(4)(b);

That the provisions of section (9) of Standing Order 69 be suspended in application to the Special Committee;

That the Special Committee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff as may be deemed necessary and that for these purposes the Committee be deemed never to have ceased to exist;

That the Special Committee hold hearings and receive views and representation from interested groups and individuals across Canada and that, for this purpose, the Special Committee deems it necessary to adjourn from place to place or travel inside Canada provided the estimated expenses for such travel and the locations to be visited are defined in advance and that, when deemed necessary, the required staff accompany the Special Committee or its members;

That notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, if the House is not sitting when an interim or final report of the Special Committee is completed, the Special Committee may make the said report public before it is laid before the House;

That the evidence adduced by the Committee in the first session of the present Parliament be deemed to have been referred to the Committee; and

That the Special Committee shall report no later than December 31, 1983; and

That the members of the Committee be Mr. Dantzer, Mr. Desmarais, Mr. Frith, Mrs. Killens, Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands), Mr. MacLellan, Mr. Reid (St. Catharines), Mr. Weatherhead and Mr. Young.

That is the first motion, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Evans) have unanimous consent to move his motion?

## Motions

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Yukon.

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Thank you for authorizing my microphone to be turned on so I can be heard, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Nielsen:** We are pleased to give consent to the putting of that motion, but for the record we would ask the Parliamentary Secretary to assure us that the wording of the motion is substantially, if not verbatim, the same as the motion that set up the previous committee.

**Mr. Evans:** To the very best of my knowledge that is correct.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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## FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

### APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACID RAIN

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I would move the following motion as well:

That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry be empowered to appoint nine Members of the House to act as a subcommittee to investigate, monitor and report on all aspects of acid rain;

That the subcommittee and members of the subcommittee have the power to adjourn and travel from place to place in Canada and the United States of America and that the necessary staff accompany the subcommittee and members of the subcommittee;

That the subcommittee have the power to retain the services of expert professional, technical and clerical staff as may be deemed necessary;

That the subcommittee shall report to the Committee from time to time; and

That the evidence adduced by the subcommittee in the first session of the present Parliament be deemed to have been laid upon the Table and referred to the Committee.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent to introduce the motion? The Hon. Member for Yukon.

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Thank you for authorizing the controller to turn on my microphone so I might be heard, Mr. Speaker. If the Parliamentary Secretary can give us the same assurance with respect to this motion as he did with respect to the last one, we would be pleased to give that consent.

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**Mr. Evans:** To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, it is the very same.

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, we too will give consent. It crosses my mind, however, that there is a