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Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 5th November, 1935.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 31st October, 1935, from the Minister of Justice, referring to The Employment and Social Insurance Act, Chapter 38 of the Statutes of Canada, 1935, which was passed for the purposes set out in the recitals contained in the preamble of the said Act.

The Minister observes that doubts exist or are entertained as to whether the Parliament of Canada had legislative jurisdiction to enact the said Act; either in whole or in part, and that it is expedient such question should be referred to the Supreme Court of Canada for judicial determination.

The Committee, accordingly, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, advise that the following question be referred to the Supreme Court of Canada, for hearing and consideration, pursuant to section 55 of the Supreme Court Act,-

Is the Employment and Social Insurance Act, or any of the provisions thereof and in what particular or particulars or to what extent, ultra vires of the Parliament of Canada?

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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