

APPENDIX A

Orders of Reference

Order of Reference from the Senate

Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Senate, December 8, 1983:

“With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator Frith moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Langlois:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider and report upon ways by which the Senate of Canada could be reformed in order to strengthen its role in representing people from all regions of Canada and to enhance the authority of Parliament to speak and act on behalf of Canadians in all parts of the country;

That the Committee include in its final report recommendations concerning the method of selection, powers, length of term for Senators, distribution of seats and other matters that the Committee considers relevant to the reform of the Senate;

That the following Senators be appointed to act on behalf of the Senate on the said Special Joint Committee, namely, the Honourable Senators Asselin, Doody, Leblanc, Le Moyne, Lewis, Lucier, Molgat and Tremblay;

That the Committee have power to appoint, from among its members, such sub-committees as it may deem advisable or necessary;

That the Committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate;

That the Committee have power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the papers and evidence received and taken on the subject and the work accomplished during the First Session of the Thirty-second Parliament be referred to the Committee;