

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE SENATE,

THURSDAY, 5th June, 1947.

The Special Joint Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms met at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

Present:

The Senate: Honourable Senators Bouffard, Burchill, Crerar, Gouin, Léger, Roebuck and Turgeon.

The House of Commons: Rt. Honourable J. L. Ilsley, and Messrs. Belzile, Hansell, Hazen, Herridge, Irvine, Isnor, Macdonnell (*Muskoka-Ontario*), Mayhew, Michaud, Miller, Pinard, Rinfret, Stewart (*Winnipeg North*), and Whitman.

On motion of Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Isnor:

Resolved,—That Right Honourable J. L. Ilsley, M.P., be Joint Chairman.

Mr. Ilsley took the Chair.

On motion of Honourable Senator Crerar, seconded by Honourable Senator Leger:

Resolved,—That Honourable Senator L. M. Gouin be Joint Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Irvine:

Ordered,—That the Committee ask leave to print, from day to day, 750 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence.

The Committee concurred in a suggestion of the Chairman that, until the need for 750 copies is demonstrated, the printed issue of minutes of proceedings and evidence in the English language be limited to 500. The Chairman directed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Whitman:

Ordered,—That the Committee ask leave to sit while the Senate and the House are sitting and during adjournments of the Senate.

On motion of Honourable Senator Bouffard:

Ordered,—That the Committee recommend that its quorum be reduced to ten.

The Chairman suggested that a shorthand reporting service be provided by the reporting staff of the Senate.

The Chairman recommended that a steering committee of seven members be constituted and that it include representation from the various sections of both Houses.

It was agreed that Mr. Hansell and Mr. Stewart (*Winnipeg North*) be members thereof.

The Joint Chairmen were directed to select the remaining members of the steering committee.

Honourable Senator Crerar suggested that Honourable Senator Gouin and one other senator be members of the steering committee.

On motion of Mr. Herridge, the Committee adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. Thursday, 12th June.