

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, March 26, 1946.

The Special Committee on War Expenditures and Economies met this day at 12 o'clock noon.

The following members were present: Messrs. Benidickson, Bradette, Cleaver, Coté (*Verdun*), Golding, Isnor, Jackman, Lalonde, Macdonnell, Marquis, Marier, McCullough (*Assiniboia*), McGregor, McIlraith, McLure, Michaud, Probe, Reid, Shaw, Stewart (*Winnipeg North*), Winkler,—21.

On motion of Mr. Golding, seconded by Mr. McLure, Mr. Isnor was elected Chairman.

Mr. Isnor took the chair and asked the Clerk to read the Order of reference.

On motion of Mr. Winkler, Mr. Coté (*Verdun*), was elected Vice-Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the Committee request permission to print from day to day, 1,000 copies in English and 500 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence.

On motion of Mr. McLure,

Resolved, That the House be requested to reduce the Committee's quorum from 13 to 10.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver,

Resolved, That a Steering Committee be appointed, to consist of the following members: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Bradette, Jackman, McIlraith, McLure, Reid, Shaw and Stewart.

On motion of Mr. McIlraith,

Ordered, That all correspondence requiring the attention of the Committee, and all requests for inquiry into any specific matter, be first referred to the Steering Committee for study and report to the Main Committee.

The Committee agreed to resume its inquiry into the disposal of surplus war assets. Members expressed the opinion that evidence should be obtained with respect to equipment which has not yet been declared surplus to military requirement. This and other matters, including a proposed visit to the Montreal Head Office of War Assets Corporation, and the number of sittings to be held weekly, were referred to the Steering Committee for study and report to the Main Committee.

On motion of Mr. Golding, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.