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PRAYERS

Mr. Cullen, from the Special Committee on Trends in Food Prices, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

On Tuesday, January 23, 1973, the House of Commons adopted the following resolution:

That a Special Committee of this House be appointed to enquire into and make recommendations upon the trends in food prices in Canada and factors domestic and foreign which account for these trends;

That 25 Members of the House of Commons to be designated by the House at a later date be the members of the Special Committee and that Standing Order 65(5) of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto;

That the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses; to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned; to report from time to time and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable; to delegate to sub-committees all or any of their powers except the power to report direct to the House; to engage the services of counsel, accountants and such other clerical and technical personnel as may be deemed necessary;

That the said Committee shall make its final report and recommendations upon the completion of its investigation, and that it shall make an interim report, including recommendations for action, within two months of its first meeting.

Your Committee held 21 meetings from January 30, 1973 to March 30, 1973 and heard the following witnesses:

Hon. Herb Gray, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Hon. Eugene Whelan, Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Sylvia Ostry, Chief Statistician of Canada; Government of Manitoba; Government of Alberta; Consumers' Association of Canada; National Anti-Poverty Organization; Packaging Association of Canada; National Farmers' Union; Canadian Cattlemen's Association; The Canadian Dairy Commission; Meat Packers Council of Canada; Canadian Food Processors Association; National Dairy Council of Canada; Canadian Grocery Distributors' Institute; Grocery Products Manufacturers of Canada; Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Canadian Federation of Agriculture; Retail Council of Canada; Retail Merchants Association of Canada; Association of Canadian Advertisers Incorporated; Federated Co-operatives Limited; The Canadian Labour Congress; Union of Agricultural Producers.