

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE SENATE,

TUESDAY, 17th June, 1947.

The Special Joint Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms met at 11.00 o'clock a.m. The Joint Chairmen, Right Honourable J. L. Ilsley and Honourable Senator L. M. Gouin were present. Mr. Ilsley presided.

Also present:

*The Senate:* Honourable Senators Burchill, Crerar, Fallis, McDonald (*Kings*), Turgeon, and Wilson.

*The House of Commons:* Beaudoin, Belzile, Benidickson, Croll, Fulton, Hansell, Harkness, Hazen, Herridge, Irvine, Lesage, Mayhew, Michaud, Pinard, Stewart (*Winnipeg-North*), and Whitman.

On motion of Mr. Croll:

*Ordered,*—That the Committee ask for power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time.

Mr. R. G. Riddell, Chief, First Political Division, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, was called. He read a brief pertaining to United Nations Documents on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and was questioned thereon. Mr. E. R. Hopkins, Legal Adviser, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, assisted during the questioning.

The witness also filed the following papers:—

(1) Statement of Essential Human Rights (Drafted by a committee appointed by the American Law Institute and submitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations by the Delegation of Panama).

(2) Letter of the 2nd June, 1947, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations from Lord Dukeston, enclosing the following documents:—

- (i) A draft International Bill of Human Rights;
- (ii) A draft resolution which might be passed by the General Assembly when adopting an International Bill of Rights.

It was agreed that items (1) and (2) be printed as appendices to the evidence of Mr. Riddell. (See appendices (a) and (b) attached).

The witness undertook to obtain copies of any other suggested bill on Human Rights, or relevant papers, which have been submitted to the United Nations or otherwise.

It was agreed that the Committee at its next meeting would consider the papers filed to-day by the witness.

The Committee adjourned at 12.30 a.m. to meet again at 11.00 o'clock a.m., Friday 20th June.

J. G. DUBRAY,  
*Clerk of the Committee.*