

an. He was able to communicate to the public in a way that was unique. One of the first speeches I ever heard him make advocated the abolition of the Senate. He was not a great friend of this institution, yet he was a great friend of individual senators. I think he really felt that senators had an important role to play. He had many communications with me personally as to what could be done in individual cases.

Tommy Douglas was not a big man physically, but he had a heart that was larger than that of any giant. He felt for lower income people, especially in the area of health care. He really cared for them. I join with my colleagues and with all Canadians in extending to his family my condolences. I was proud to call him a friend.

ROYAL ASSENT

NOTICE

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following communication had been received:

RIDEAU HALL
OTTAWA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

4 March 1986

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that The Right Honourable Brian Dickson, The Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to-day, the 4th day of March, 1986, at 4.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. Smyth

Deputy Secretary, Policy and Program

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate
Ottawa

PARLIAMENT

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES—MESSAGE FROM COMMONS
REFERRED TO STANDING RULES AND ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following message had been received from the House of Commons:

HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Thursday, February 27, 1986

ORDERED,—That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours that this House has adopted

[Senator Buckwold.]

certain amendments to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons which shall continue in force until this House adjourns on the last sitting day of this year, as follows:

1. That within ten sitting days of the return to Canada of an officially recognized interparliamentary delegation composed, in any part, of Members of the House, the head of the delegation, or a Member acting on behalf of him or her, shall present a written report to the House on the activities of the delegation.

2. That certain of the said amendments touch upon the powers, mandates, membership and other matters related to the Standing Joint Committees, so far as the House of Commons is concerned and, in particular;

(a) the Standing Joint Committees on the Library of Parliament and Printing have been deleted from the list of Standing Joint Committees and that a Standing Joint Committee on Parliament has been added to the same, and that it is suggested that the said joint committee be composed of twelve Members and that its mandate include, among other matters, the review of and report on the effectiveness, management and operations together with the operational and expenditure plans of all operations under the joint administration of the two Houses and other related matters as the Committee deems fit;

(b) the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments has been empowered to include in a report to the House a proposed motion which, if the report be concurred in, would become an Order to the Ministry to rescind a single specified regulation or other Statutory Instrument which the Ministry has the authority to rescind, and that such reports shall be deemed adopted on the fifteenth sitting day after a motion for concurrence in the report is placed on the Order Paper for consideration unless such a motion is previously disposed of;

(c) the mandate of the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages shall include, among other matters, the review of and report on the annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages which is deemed, so far as the House of Commons is concerned, permanently referred to the said Committee immediately the said document is laid upon the Table;

(d) the Striking Committee of the House of Commons shall make a report, within the first ten sitting days in the year, establishing annual membership lists of the Standing Joint Committees which expire on the last sitting day in the year; and