

## Order of Reference from the Senate

Thursday, June 27, 1985

*ORDERED*, — That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to inform that House that the Senate do unite with the House of Commons in the appointment of a Special Joint Committee to consider Canada's International Relations;

That the document entitled "Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations", tabled in the Senate on May 15, 1985 (Sessional Paper No. 331-383), be referred to the Committee;

That the Committee consider and report upon the issues discussed in the above-mentioned document and make recommendations in their report concerning the objectives and conduct of Canada's international relations;

That five Members of the Senate, to be designated at a later date, act on behalf of the Senate as members of the said Committee;

That the Committee have the power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate;

That the Committee have the power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from time to time as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the Committee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff;

That the Committee have the power to adjourn from place to place inside Canada and that, when deemed necessary, the required staff accompany the Committee;

That a quorum of the Committee be seven members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the Joint Chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, whenever 4 members are present, so long as both Houses are represented;

That the Committee submit an interim report on Canada's participation in research on the Strategic Defence Initiative and on Bilateral Trade with the United States no later than August 23, 1985;

That notwithstanding the usual practices of this House, if the Senate is not sitting when an interim or final report of the Committee is completed, that the Committee shall report its findings by depositing its report with the Clerk of the Senate and that it shall thereupon be deemed to have been laid upon the Table; and

That the Committee present its final report no later than May 31, 1986.

*ATTEST*

*The Clerk of the Senate*