

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 1963.

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The Standing Committee on Debates met at 9.45 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. Herman M. Batten, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs. Aiken, Batten, Cowan, Paul, and Rinfret,—(5).

*In attendance:* Mr. A. M. Ervin, Management Analysis Officer of the Civil Service Commission.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Ervin, as he had offered at the previous meeting, had brought with him some tape recordings that were made in the House of Commons on March 21, 22 and 23 of 1962.

Mr. Ervin described the background of the experiment that was made at that time and some of the conditions which applied. He then demonstrated to the Committee the results of the experiment, comparing the recordings made with the plastic belt and the magnetic tape.

Questions were asked, especially on the technical aspect of the question, and on the opportunity of recommending a change in the present system of recording debates.

Questioning being concluded, the Chairman thanked the witness, and announced that the subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure would meet on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

At 10.50, on motion of Mr. Paul, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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THURSDAY, December 19, 1963.

(5)

The Standing Committee on Debates met *in camera* at 8.30 p.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. Herman M. Batten, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs. Aiken, Batten, Cowan, Eudes, Howard, Lambert, Langlois, MacNaught, and Paul.

The Committee considered a Draft Report to the House recommended by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure. The said Report was amended and adopted unanimously, as amended.

The Committee instructed the Chairman to present the said Report to the House as the Committee's Third Report.

At 10.10 p.m. the Committee adjourned.

Gabrielle Savard,  
*Clerk of the Committee.*