

Order of Reference

Minutes of Proceedings
The Special Senate Committee on Science Policy

Evidence

Extract from the First Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on Science Policy, presented on July 10, 1975 and printed as an Appendix to the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate of that day, and adopted by the Senate on July 24, 1975:

"The Committee, therefore, recommends that it be authorized to consider and report on Canadian government and other expenditures on scientific activities and matters related thereto;

That the Committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and clerical personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during adjournments of the Senate and to report from time to time; and

That the Committee be authorized to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee."

Robert Fortier,
Clerk of the Senate.

Secondly, the committee should make systematic review of the implementation of the recommendations contained in its report on science policy in 1973 and 1973. We recall that 73 formal recommendations and many more other suggestions. We know that many of these proposals have been accepted by the government but it is impossible to see how they have been implemented without meeting them who have the responsibility.

Thirdly, the committee should hold hearings on the Canadian science budget in Volume 3 of its report, we recommended that the government establish an annual document its estimates of expenditures for scientific activities and that a committee of the Senate be authorized to make an overall review of these estimates. On February 25, 1974, the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, who was then Minister of State for Science and Technology, announced that her ministry would be responsible for the development of a science policy framework which would include individual policies to be viewed and that a science budget display will be used for the evaluation of departments and agency