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*and the alleged serious losses of
is the Public Treasury because
of inefficiency ~~and~~ corruption on the
part of officers of the Department ^{and others}*

Moved by Mr.

Seconded by Mr:

That a special committee of this House, consisting of members, should be appointed forthwith to investigate the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise, and that such investigation have regard particularly to all matters affecting the prevention of smuggling, the prosecution of offenders, the seizure, storage and disposal of smuggled goods, or goods seized for purposes of excise or other taxes, the appraisal of goods for revenue purposes, the collection of customs and excise ^{duties} the knowledge of ministers or officials of any federal Government of offences or irregularities affecting the public service in such department, the efficiency of the administration thereof, and ~~more particularly~~ the necessity of safeguarding the public revenue and the public treasury, and that such Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, to print the evidence taken before the Committee, and to report from time to time.

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