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Welcome!

We are happy to present the second edition of *The Senate Report*. We have been very pleased with the response that we have received to both the concept and the content of this quarterly.

This issue will bring you up to date with Chamber and committee business that has taken place since the opening of the 37th Parliament on January 30, 2001. As most of you will know, we have started the new session under new leadership with Senator Dan Hays' appointment as Speaker.

On a sad note, we said a final good-bye to former Speaker Gildas L. Molgat, a 30-year veteran of the Senate, an accomplished legislator and dear friend who died suddenly on February 28. Senator Molgat's dedication to the Senate's constitutional role as guardian of regional and minority interests was the hallmark of his professional and personal activities.

This Report, which reflects the spirit of commitment to, and interest in, public policy, continues the fine tradition exemplified by Gildas L. Mogat in a public life of over 50 years.

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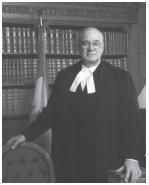
Senate Business in the First Quarter of 2001 (January 29 – March 30)

Every system needs checks and balances, and the legislative system is no exception. One house may have passed legislation too quickly, or certain concerned groups may feel they did not get a chance to be heard. That's why Canada's Constitution states that both the Senate and the House of Commons must approve bills separately in order for them to become law.

Below are the highlights of recent Senate legislative activity; further information is contained in the pages that follow.

Consideration of Government legislation: Bills passed by both the Senate and the House of Commons -2; Government Bills introduced in the Senate -9; Bills received from the House of Commons -2; Bills received from Committee without amendment -2; Bills received from Committee without amendment but with observations or recommendations -1.

Consideration of Private Member's/Senator's Legislation, including Public Bills and Private Bills: Private Bills introduced in the Senate – 1; Public Bills introduced in the Senate – 14; Bills received from Committee with amendments – 1.



Daniel Hays, Speaker of the Senate

As a Senator for over 16 years, and now as Speaker, one of the most gratifying aspects of my work is exchanging views on public policy issues with Canadians from coast-to-coast.

Like many of my colleagues, I am able to draw on a lifetime of professional experience – in my case, as a lawyer, farmer and rancher – in dealing with the legislation that comes before the Senate. But it is you, who work on a daily basis in areas such as health, transportation, aboriginal affairs, or who have studied these issues, on whom we rely for developing clear, comprehensive public policy.

As I begin my term as Speaker of the Senate, I am confident that we can enhance this partnership between legislators and citizens. Whether it is in committees, in the course of public meetings, or in the pages of *The Senate Report*, I look forward to hearing from you on how we can work together to make Canada a better place in which to live, to work, and to do business.

Tribute to Senator Gildas L. Molgat

January 25, 1927 - February 28, 2001

The entire Senate community was deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of the Honourable Gildas L. Molgat, who was summoned to the Senate in 1970 and served as Speaker from 1994 to 2001. Speaker Dan Hays issued the following news release:



"It is with deep sorrow that we have learned of the passing of former Speaker Gildas L. Molgat. He was a highly respected member of the Upper Chamber for over 30 years. His interest in procedure and his deep sense of fairness made him a remarkable Speaker during his six-year term. A constitutionalist at heart, he was a staunch defender of the advancement of minority rights and a recognized expert on the legislative process.

Senator Molgat had a long and distinguished record of public service which began in 1953 in the Manitoba legislature. A proud Francophone, he was a true Manitoban, a great Canadian and an exceptional human being. He was an inspiration to all of us.

His wisdom and easy manner made him a valued friend and a good advisor. An extraordinary leader, he won the admiration of those who were fortunate enough to work with him. Senator Molgat was an outstanding ambassador for Canada in his international activities,

during which he brought great honour to this institution. We will all cherish his memory.

My colleagues join me in extending our sincere condolences to Senator Molgat's wife, Allison, and his children, Anne and Mathurin."

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Legislative Activity

Between 1960 and 2000, the Senate considered 1,733 Commons bills – government, public and private. Of these, approximately five per cent were:

- amended in the Senate and returned to the House of Commons, or
- defeated outright or not proceeded with in the Senate, or
- In died on the Senate Order Paper.

Senate Bills

Most government legislation that is considered by Canada's Parliament is first introduced in the House of Commons. However, in recent years, the government has increased the number of bills that have been introduced in the Senate. In the new session, for example, the Senate is currently reviewing three bills that were introduced in the House of Commons and a further eight that have been introduced by the government in the Senate.

As well, Senators continue to exercise their right to introduce public bills in the Chamber. Since the beginning of the 37th Parliament, 14 such bills have been tabled. Among them, the Senate has undertaken the study of the following:

S-6. An Act to assist in the prevention of wrongdoing in the Public Service by establishing a framework for education on ethical practices in the workplace, for dealings with allegations of wrongdoing and for protecting whistleblowers. (Senator Noel Kinsella) The bill would provide a means for Public Service employees to make allegations of wrongful acts or omissions in the workplace, in confidence, to an independent Commissioner who would investigate them and seek to have the situation dealt with and who would report to Parliament in respect of confirmed problems that had not been dealt with. As well, it would protect Public Service employees from retaliation for having made or for proposing to make, in good faith and on the basis of reasonable belief, allegations of wrongdoing in the workplace.

S-7, An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act. (Senator Sheila Finestone)

This amendment would enable the Canadian Radiotelevision and Telecommunications Commission to make regulations establishing criteria for the awarding of costs, and to give the Commission the power to award and tax costs between the parties that appear before it. S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act. (Parliamentary Poet Laureate).

(Senator Jerahmiel Grafstein)

The bill provides for the Speakers of both the Senate and the House of Commons to select the Parliamentary Poet Laureate from a list of three names submitted by a committee chaired by the Parliamentary Librarian. The committee would be composed of the National Librarian, the National Archivist of Canada, the Commissioner of Official Languages for Canada, and the Chair of the Canada Council. The Parliamentary Poet Laureate would be expected to write poetry, especially for use in Parliament on occasions of state; sponsor poetry readings and give advice to the Parliamentary Librarian regarding the collection of the Library and acquisitions to enrich its cultural holdings.

S-12, An Act to amend the Statistics Act and the National Archives of Canada Act (census records). (Senator Lorna Milne)

This bill authorizes the transfer of all census records from Statistics Canada to the National Archives of Canada for permanent safekeeping. It gives access to the records to genealogists and other researchers 92 years after the census, subject to a privacy right it creates that allows individuals to object to the disclosure of personal information in the census records.

S-14, An Act respecting Sir John A. Macdonald Day and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Day. (Senator John Lynch-Staunton) This enactment designates the 11th day of January in each and every year as "Sir John A. Macdonald Day" and the 20th day of November in each and every year as "Sir Wilfrid Laurier Day".

S-15, An Act to enable and assist the Canadian tobacco industry in attaining its objective of preventing the use of tobacco products by young persons in Canada. (Senator Colin Kenny)

This enactment incorporates the Canadian Tobacco Youth Protection Foundation, a non-profit corporation established on behalf of the Canadian tobacco industry, whose mandate is to prevent the use of tobacco products by young persons in Canada. A levy would be imposed on tobacco manufacturers in order to provide the Foundation with the necessary funds to carry out its objects and activities.

S-18, An act to Amend the Food and Drugs Act (clean drinking water). (Senator Jerahmiel Grafstein)
This enactment amends the Food and Drugs Act to include water in a community water system as a food subject to federal regulation and approval. Systems that serve fewer than 25 persons or that operate less than 30 days a year are excluded.

The bill allows for inspection of lands that form part of the watershed or area from which drinking water is taken. It also allows for the inspection of any place from which contaminants may escape into a drinking water source.

S-19, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act. (Senator Michael Kirby)

This enactment would require the Minister of Transport to make regulations that would force domestic and foreign air carriers to file reports with the Minister on matters affecting the public interest. It also allows these reports to be disclosed and made available to the public without first obtaining the consent of the air carrier that provided the information to the Minister.

S-20, An Act to provide for increased transparency and objectivity in the selection of suitable individuals to be named to certain high public positions.

(Senator Terry Stratton)

The Act establishes a committee of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada to develop public criteria and procedures, provides a process to identify and assess candidates and provides for parliamentary review of appointments. Appointments to the position of Governor General, Chief Justice of Canada, Speaker of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor of a province, Commissioner of a territory and to the Supreme Court of Canada and the Senate must be reviewed. Appointments to the Federal Court of Canada and to the superior courts in the provinces may be reviewed.

S-21, An Act to guarantee the human right to privacy. (Senator Sheila Finestone)

This enactment defines what is an infringement, and provides a test for justifiable infringement. It entitles individuals to claim and enforce their right to privacy, and to refuse to unjustifiably infringe the privacy rights of others. The enactment also requires the Minister of Justice to review bills and regulations for compliance, and entitles the Privacy Commissioner to be consulted in this regard. It authorizes the Governor in Council to make regulations codifying practices that are justifiable infringements under the Act.

S-22, An Act to provide for the recognition of the Canadien Horse as the national horse of Canada. (Senator Lowell Murray)

This act would ensure recognition of the unique place of this horse in Canada's history. The *Canadien* Horse was introduced into Canada in 1665, when the King of France sent horses from his own stables to the people of his North American colony and become an invaluable ally to the settlers in their efforts to survive and prosper in their new home. Since 1885, widespread and increasingly successful efforts have been made to re-establish and preserve the *Canadien* Horse.

Government Bills that have been approved by the Senate are S-2, An Act respecting marine liability, and to validate certain by-laws and regulations and S-5, An Act

to amend the Blue Water Bridge Authority. Government Bills being considered include:

S-3, An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Transport Act, 1987 and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The objective of the Act is to establish a consistent national regime for motor carriers, focused on carrier safety regulation.

S-4, A First Act to harmonize federal law with the civil law of the Province of Quebec and to amend certain Acts in order to ensure that each language version takes into account the common law and the civil law.

Among other objectives, this enactment repeals the pre-Confederation provisions of the 1866 Civil Code of Lower Canada that fall within federal jurisdiction and replaces certain provisions with appropriate provisions on marriage applicable only in the Province of Quebec.

S-11, An Act to amend the Canada Business Corporations and the Canada Cooperatives Act and to amend other Acts in consequence.

This enactment amends the Canada Business Corporations Act. It is the first major revision of the Act since it came into force in 1975. Among the amendments are provisions concerning liability of directors and a new regime regarding the apportionment of damage awards.

S-16, An Act to amend the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act.

This enactment amends the Act in order to clarify the intent of certain provisions concerning the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

S-17, An Act to amend the Patent Act.

This enactment amends the Patent Act as a result of the rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organization.

S-23, An Act to amend the Customs Act and to make related amendments to other Acts.

This Bill will modernize customs administration by, among other measures, providing for the expedited movement of persons and goods into Canada and harmonizing provisions for the collection of amounts owing under that Act with those of the *Income Tax Act* and the *Excise Tax Act*.

S-24, An Act to implement an agreement between the Mohawks of Kanesatake and Her Majesty in right of Canada respecting governance of certain lands by the Mohawks of Kanesatake and to amend an Act in consequence.

This enactment ensures that certain lands constitute lands reserved for the Indians within the meaning of class 24 of section 91 of the *Constitution Act, 1867* but not a reserve within the meaning of the *Indian Act.* It also provides a framework for the exercise of jurisdiction by the Mohawks of Kanesatake over the use and development of their lands.

Designation of Leader of the Opposition

On February 6, Senator Gerald St. Germain (British Columbia) raised a question of privilege, claiming that he was entitled to the position and rank of Leader of the Opposition. He argued that a failure to recognize his claim would be a denial of precedent and tradition and that it would constitute a breach of privilege because it prevents him from fulfilling all his duties.

Senator Robichaud, Deputy Leader of the Government, contended that no *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege had been made and that failure to recognize Senator St. Germain as Leader of the Opposition did not impair his ability to function as a senator. The Deputy Leader further noted that it is the long-standing practice in the Senate to recognize as the opposition the party of the greatest number that is not the government. He suggested that perhaps it is time to review the internal organization of the Senate and this matter might be referred to the Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders.

Speaker Daniel Hays' ruling, given on February 21, concluded that no *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege has been established. With respect to the role of the Speaker, Senator Hays noted that the Speaker has an obligation to enforce the *Rules of the Senate*, but the Senate alone has the ultimate authority to determine its practices. The Speaker's Ruling was sustained, on division.

Committee Activity

On March 15, the Senate agreed to establish two new standing committees, one on Defence and Security, including veterans' affairs, the other on Human Rights. Previously, defence matters and human rights questions were considered by the Foreign Affairs Committee, while veterans' affairs fell under the mandate of the Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology. On several occasions, sub-committees were established to examine specific defence and veterans affairs policy questions.

The new committees will have nine members rather than the 12 to 15 members in all other standing committees. The amendment to the *Rules of the Senate* creating these committees will be in effect until a new committee structure is adopted.

The Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders has received a mandate to examine the structure of committees in general, including available human resources, the schedule of committees, the mandate of

each committee, the total number of committees and the number of senators on each committee. The reporting date for this special examination is October 31, 2001.

Agriculture and Forestry (Chair: Senator Leonard J. Gustafson, Deputy-Chair: Senator John (Jack) Wiebe) With a mandate to study the impact of free trade on agriculture, the committee has begun a series of meetings with the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board as well as the Chief Negotiator of the Free Trade Area of the Americas and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Banking, Trade and Commerce (Chair: Senator Leo Kolber, Deputy-Chair: Senator David Tkachuk) The Committee invited David Dodge, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, to comment on the present state of the domestic and international financial system. Mr. Dodge addressed the committee on March 28. He noted that while Canadian consumer confidence has been sliding over the last six months, and that the first half of the year is expected to be difficult for the domestic economy, he nevertheless anticipates a stronger financial outlook in the second half of 2001. The Committee is also undertaking two legislative studies, one on S-17, the Patent Act legislation that would bring Canada in line with the ruling of the World Trade Organization on drug patents, and the other on S-11, the Canadian Business Corporation Act, the first major revision of this act since its creation in 1975.

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (Chair: Senator Nick Taylor, Deputy-Chair: Senator Mira Spivak) A special study on nuclear reactor safety begun in the last Parliament is nearing completion. In addition to a special study on water policy, the Committee is expected to hold public hearings in major cities on energy issues including deregulation of electricity, the continental energy plan and new technologies, as well as hearings on Bill S-15 that would establish a fund to educate youth about the dangers of smoking.

Foreign Affairs (Chair: Senator Peter A. Stollery, Deputy-Chair: Senator Raynell Andreychuk)

Two major in-depth inquiries are underway, including a two-year examination of the consequences for Canada of the evolving European Union. The second study, expected to report in June 2001, will report on emerging political, social, economic and security developments in Russia and the Ukraine as well as Canada's policy and interests in this region.

National Finance (Chair: Senator Lowell Murray, Deputy-Chair: Senator Isobel Finnerty)

The Committee completed its consideration of *S-6*, the *Public Service Whistleblowing Act*, which aims to establish a system for dealing with wrongdoing in the public service workplace. The Committee recommended five amendments that were adopted subsequently by the

full Senate. On March 28, Auditor General Denis Desautels appeared before the Senate to present his views on Parliament's role in dealing with public accounts, such as its examination of the Main Estimates. This was Mr. Desautel's final appearance in his capacity as Auditor General. The Committee also conducted hearings on the final supplementary estimates for fiscal year 2000-2001 as well as the interim estimates for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Social Affairs, Science and Technology (Chair: Senator Michael Kirby, Deputy-Chair: Senator Marjory LeBreton) The committee has a mandate to study the role of the federal government in the health care system and released The Story So Far, the first phase of a projected six-phase study, on March 28. The report suggests that public debate over medicare is rife with myths that hinder the odds of improving the public health care system and goes on to debunk those myths. Issues covered include a detailed review of medicare's implementation in the 1960s, the federal government's role in funding the system, and changes in health care since the 1990s, when governments reduced spending in order to eliminate deficits. The Committee has already begun work on phase two, which will identify pressures that will be exerted on the current system over the longterm.

Special Committee on Illegal Drugs (Chair: Senator Pierre Claude Nolin; Deputy-Chair: Senator Colin Kenny)

This special committee has been revived from the last Parliament. Five Senators will undertake an examination of the government's current policies and international obligations, as well as strategies adopted by other countries regarding cannabis. Its report is expected to be presented in August 2002.

Inter-Parliamentary Activities

Canadian North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Association

A joint meeting of the Defence and Security, Economics and Security and Political Committees of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly was held in Brussels February 18-20. The Canadian delegation was led by Senator William Rompkey, the President of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association, and included Senators Colin Kenny and Pierre Claude Nolin, as well as Members of the House of Commons Claude Bachand, Eleni Bakopanos, Leon Benoit, Carolyn Parrish and David Pratt. The Association, which liaises with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, provides a forum for parliamentarians from the 19 member and 17 partner countries to discuss social, cultural, political and economic questions, as well as military matters.

Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA)

Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette and Member of the House of Commons Bill Graham hosted legislators from the 27 North, South and Central American, as well as Caribbean, members of the FIPA – an adjunct to the Organization of American States – when they gathered for their inaugural meeting in Ottawa, March 7-9. FIPA delegates voted on resolutions that will be put forward to leaders at the Quebec Summit of the Americas in April. Agenda items included "Strengthening Democracy", "Creating Prosperity" and "Realizing Human Potential".

Third Bilateral Meeting of the Canada-China Legislative Association (CCLA)

Senator Jack Austin and Member of the House of Commons Joseph Volpe co-chaired the Canadian delegation to the CCLA meeting in Beijing, March 12-17. The delegation included Senators James F. Kelleher and Nicholas W. Taylor, and Members of the House of Commons Tom Wappel, Janko Peric, Inky Mark and Paul Crête. The meeting covered topics such as the development of China's western regions; social security policy and legislation; small and medium-size enterprises and the economy, China's accession to the World Trade Organization and regional security issues.



Other Senate Events

Speech from the Throne and the Opening of Parliament

On January 30, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson opened the first session of the 37th Parliament by noting that "The vital relationship that exists between Canadian people and Parliament is what we celebrate today through history, custom and symbolism."

Forum for Young Canadians

The Honourable Daniel Hays and Senator The Very Reverend Lois Wilson spoke about the work of the Senate to a group of 150 high school students from across the country during a Forum for Young Canadians visit to Parliament in March. For over 25 years, the Forum has brought Canada's top students to Ottawa to give them an opportunity to better understand how Canada's political institutions operate and to think and talk about public issues of national importance.



Encounters with Canada

So far this year, the Senate has hosted over 1,000 students from "Encounters with Canada", a Canadian Studies program created in 1982 by the Council for Canadian Unity. The program allows young Canadians from different backgrounds to gain a better understanding of Canada and its major institutions. Senators Rose-Marie Losier—Cool, Gerald Beaudoin, Landon Pearson, Lorna Milne, Joan Cook and Fernand Robichaud have all addressed the students during their visits to the Senate Chamber.

Milestones

Leadership changes

The new Parliament prompted leadership changes in the Senate. Senator Dan Hays (Alberta) was appointed Speaker; Senator Sharon Carstairs (Manitoba) and Senator Fernand Robichaud (New Brunswick) were appointed Leader of the Government and Deputy Leader of the Government respectively. Senator Lynch-Staunton (Quebec) and Senator Kinsella (New Brunswick) continue as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Party Whips for the Liberals and Conservatives are, respectively, Senator Léonce Mercier and Senator Mabel M. DeWare.

Appointments

On March 8, there were three new appointments to the Senate: Dr. Yves Morin from Quebec, Elizabeth (Libbe) Hubley from Prince Edward Island and James Tunney from Ontario.

Passages

Retirements: The Honourable Betty Kennedy, January 4; the Honourable Raymond J. Perrault, February 6; the Honourable Raymond Squires, February 6. Resignations: The Honourable Eric Berntson, Saskatchewan, February 27; the Honourable Thérèse Lavoie-Roux, March 12. Deaths: The Honourable Gildas Molgat (Manitoba), Speaker from November 24, 1994, to January 28, 2001, died suddenly on February 28, 2001.

37th Parliament, 1st Session List of Senate Committees (January 29, 2001)

Ex-officio members: Carstairs, Sharon or Robichaud, Fernand; Lynch-Staunton, John or Kinsella, Noel A.

Aboriginal Peoples: Chalifoux, Thelma, Chair: Johnson, Janis G. Deputy- Chair; Carney, Pat; Christensen, Ione; Cochrane, Ethel M.; Cordy, Jane Marie; Gill, Aurélien; Pearson, Landon; Rompkey, William; Sibbeston, Nick G.; Tkachuk, David; Wilson, The Very Rev. Lois

Agriculture and Forestry: Gustafson, Leonard J., Chair; Wiebe, John (Jack) Deputy-Chair; Chalifoux, Thelma; Fairbairn, Joyce; Fitzpatrick, D. Ross; Gill, Aurélien; LeBreton, Marjory; Milne, Lorna; Oliver, Donald H.; Stratton, Terry; Taylor, Nicholas W.; Tkachuk, David

Banking, Trade and Commerce: Kolber, Leo, Chair; Tkachuk, David Deputy-Chair; Angus, W. David; Banks, Tommy; Furey, George; Hervieux-Payette, Céline; Kelleher, James F.; Kenny, Colin; Maheu, Shirley; Meighen, Michael A.; Oliver, Donald H.; Setlakwe, Raymond C.

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources: Banks, Tommy; Buchanan, John M.; Christensen, Ione; Cochrane, Ethel M.; Eyton, John Trevor; Finnerty, Isobel; Kelleher, James F.; Kenny, Colin; Sibbeston, Nick G.; Spivak, Mira; Taylor, Nicholas W.; Watt, Charlie

Fisheries: Comeau, Gerald J., Chair; Cook, Joan, Deputy-Chair; Adams, Willie; Callbeck, Catherine S.; Carney, Pat; Chalifoux, Thelma; Corbin, Eymard G.; Mahovlich, Frank W.; Meighen, Michael A.; Moore, Wilfred P.; Robertson, Brenda; Watt, Charlie

Foreign Affairs: Stollery, Peter A., Chair; Andreychuk, Raynell Deputy-Chair; Austin, Jack; Bolduc, Roch; Carney, Pat; Corbin, Eymard G.; De Bané, Pierre; Di Nino, Consiglio; Grafstein, Jerahmiel S.; Graham, B. Alasdair; Losier-Cool, Rose-Marie; Poulin (Charette), Marie-P.

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration: Kroft, Richard H., Chair; DeWare, Mabel M. Deputy-Chair; Austin, Jack; Comeau, Gerald J.; De Bané, Pierre; Doody, C. William; Forrestall, J. Michael; Furey, George; Gauthier, Jean-Robert; Kenny, Colin; Maheu, Shirley; Milne, Lorna; Murray, Lowell; Poulin (Charette), Marie-P.; Stollery, Peter A.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs: Milne, Lorna, Chair; Beaudoin, Gérald A. Deputy-Chair; Andreychuk, Raynell; Atkins, Norman K.; Buchanan, John M.; Cools, Anne C.; Fraser, Joan; Grafstein, Jerahmiel S.; Joyal, Serge; Moore, Wilfred P.; Nolin, Pierre Claude; Pearson, Landon

National Finance: Murray, Lowell, Chair; Finnerty, Isobel Deputy-Chair; Banks, Tommy; Bolduc, Roch; Comeau, Gerald J.; Cools, Anne C.; Doody, C. William; Ferretti Barth, Marisa; Hervieux-Payette, Céline; Kinsella, Noel A.; Kirby, Michael; Mahovlich, Frank W.

Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders: Austin, Jack, Chair; Stratton, Terry Deputy-Chair; Andreychuk, Raynell; Bryden, John G.; DeWare, Mabel M.; Di Nino, Consiglio; Gauthier, Jean-Robert; Grafstein, Jerahmiel S.; Joyal, Serge; Kroft, Richard H.; Losier-Cool, Rose-Marie; Murray, Lowell; Poulin (Charette), Marie-P.; Rossiter, Eileen

Selection Committee: Mercier, Léonce, Chair; Corbin, Eymard G.; Cordy, Jane Marie; DeWare, Mabel M.; Fairbairn, Joyce; Kinsella, Noel A.; LeBreton, Marjory; Milne, Lorna; Robertson, Brenda

Social Affairs, Science and Technology: Kirby, Michael, Chair; LeBreton, Marjory Deputy-Chair; Callbeck, Catherine S.; Cohen, Erminie J.; Cook, Joan; Cordy, Jane Marie; Fairbairn, Joyce; Graham, B. Alasdair; Johnson, Janis G.; Pépin, Lucie; Robertson, Brenda; Roche, Douglas

Transport and Communications: Bacon, Lise , Chair; Forrestall, J. Michael Deputy-Chair; Adams, Willie; Callbeck, Catherine S.; Eyton, John Trevor; Finestone, Sheila; Fitzpatrick, D. Ross; Milne, Lorna; Rompkey, William; Setlakwe, Raymond C.; Spivak, Mira

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