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REPORT

1. On 8 April 1970 the House referred the following resolution to the Committee:

That the Standing Orders Committee be asked to recommend a suitable amendment to standing order 28 relating to the Printing Committee's powers when conferring with a similar Committee of the Senate to give effect to the objective of recommendation 67 of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications, which is as follows:

That a Joint Committee be appointed in each Parliament with power:

- (a) to perform the function of the existing Printing Committees,
- (b) to review the publications of Parliament and departments, their printing, publication and distribution,
- (c) to send for persons, papers and records.

2. The Committee considered the resolution at the meeting held on 11 May 1970 and recommends for adoption the following new standing order 28:

A Publications Committee, to consist of seven Members, shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament with power to confer with a similar committee of the Senate. All petitions and papers presented to the House which have not been ordered to be printed by either House of the Parliament shall stand referred to the Committee, which shall report from time to time as to what petitions and papers ought to be printed, and whether wholly or in part. In addition, when conferring with a similar committee of the Senate, the Committee shall have power—

- (a) to inquire into and report on the printing, publication and distribution of Parliamentary and Government Publications and on such matters as are referred to it by the Treasurer, and
- (b) to send for persons, papers and records.

W. J. ASTON,
Chairman

House of Representatives,
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