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Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



It is my pleasure to present the 2007-2008 Annual Report of the Senate Committees Directorate, describing the activities and expenditures of the Directorate and the many committees to which it provides administrative, procedural and other support.

The First Session of the 39th Parliament prorogued on September 14, 2007, bringing sittings of the Senate and its committees to an end. The Second Session began on October 16, 2007. The *Rules of the Senate* stipulate that at the commencement of each session, a Committee of Selection will be appointed to nominate the senators to serve as members of the Senate's select committees. The Committee of Selection was appointed on October 16, and it reported its nominations to the Senate on October 23. The report was adopted on November 1, 2007, and committees started to hold their organization meetings later that week.

Despite the period of prorogation, most activity indicators for the fiscal year approach the five year average. While there were many new orders of reference, committees also took up studies that had been ended by prorogation and completed them in the course of the fiscal year. For others, those studies continue in 2008-2009. Two special committees were restructured in the new session—one on aging and the other on anti-terrorism.

While most committee meetings occurred on Parliament Hill, public hearings were also held across the country, and fact-finding visits occurred at home and abroad. This travel outside Ottawa enabled senators to gather evidence and information which were of great value in drafting committee reports, while giving Canadians across the country the opportunity to attend or appear before a parliamentary committee in their own communities. The Committees Directorate provided the necessary logistical and other support for committees to undertake 15 trips in 2007-2008.

The Committees Directorate is proud to provide professional, non-partisan support to Senate committees to help them attain their objectives. In addition, the Directorate is pleased with the feedback it receives through surveys given to witnesses following their appearance. The responses indicate a high level of satisfaction, with 96% of witnesses rating the overall services of the Committees Directorate as 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale. These numbers, combined with responses indicating that 93% of witnesses considered their appearance to be useful, demonstrate that the Directorate is providing high-quality support to a process that Canadians value.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Lank".

Dr. Heather Lank
Principal Clerk

Mission Statement

The Senate of Canada, as part of the Parliament of Canada, is an integral part of the federal legislative process. As a legislature, the Senate has established a number of select committees to deal with the examination of bills, estimates and special studies on various subjects. The Committees Directorate serves those committees in the areas of administration, parliamentary procedure and information relating to committee tasks and objectives. In the fulfillment of its mission, the Senate Committees Directorate has the responsibility to:

- provide superior service to all Senators serving on committees;
- perform duties in a courteous, professional and impartial manner;
- respect the principle of confidentiality working with Senators and in supporting committees;
- promote the public image of the Senate in particular and Parliament in general;
- observe the Rules, regulations and policies of the Senate;
- develop human resources; and
- encourage innovation to improve the operations of the Directorate.

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Operating Expenditures

During fiscal year 2007-2008, the Directorate provided support to 21 standing, special, and joint committees (and 3 subcommittees). *

Committees Directorate	
(32 person years 2007-2008)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$2,167,779
Committees:	\$1,520,093
Witnesses:	\$218,474

Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the activity of the Senate. On average, over 50 bills are examined and 50 special studies are undertaken each year. Each committee is unique in subject matter and purpose. Some committees rarely examine legislation, while others focus almost entirely on bills. There are currently nineteen standing committees of the Senate. The size of committees, their general areas of study and the number of members required for quorum are set under Rule 86(1) of the *Rules of the Senate*. In 2007-2008, the Special Committee on Anti-terrorism and the Special Committee on Aging were also active.

* All data contained in this report was extracted from the *Journals of the Senate*, the Proceedings of Senate Committees and the records of the Senate Finance Directorate.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2003-2004.

Activity Indicators	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	5-year average
Meetings	444	541	396	408	445	446.8
Reports	151	154	90	113	144	130.4
Hours in Committee	783.9	1033.8	830.6	730.2	793.2	834.3
Witnesses	1,376	1,627	1,319	1,249	1,284	1,371
Bills	66	40	51	50	64	54.2
Fact-Finding Hours	283.4	371.9	355.6	143.5	223.9	275.7
Pre-Studies/ Subject-matter	3	1	3	4	2	2.6
Special Studies Undertaken	64	58	38	49	55	52.8
Trips	15	26	21	11	9	16.4

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject-Matter of Bills	129	29.1	217.0	27.7
Special Studies	271	61.0	517.9	66.1
Permanent (Conflict, Internal, Rules, Library, Selection, Scrutiny)	44	9.9	49.0	6.2
Total	444	100	783.9	100

Legislation

The following table compares the number of bills referred to Senate committees since 2003-2004.

Years	Bills	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses
2007-08	66	121	203.2	429
2006-07	40	100	216.8	427
2005-06	51	99	174.3	338
2004-05	50	104	147.2	286
2003-04	64	100	198.1	480
Five-Year Average	54.2	104.8	187.9	392.0

Special Studies

The following table compares the number of special studies undertaken by Senate committees since 2003-2004.

Years	Special Studies	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses	Hours of Fact-Finding Missions
2007-08	64	271	517.9	911	283.1
2006-07	58	359	694.4	1,186	371.9
2005-06	38	252	574.2	950	348.6
2004-05	49	233	486.3	935	143.5
2003-04	55	268	490.2	763	223.9
Five-Year Average	52.8	276.6	552.6	949.0	274.2

Consulting Canadians and Others

Every year, a number of trips are undertaken to gather testimony at the local and regional levels. Committees hold formal public hearings in locations throughout Canada, and undertake more informal "fact-finding" trips both within Canada and abroad. Committee travel provides senators with the opportunity to better familiarize themselves with the issues they are studying and to obtain evidence and information that cannot be obtained in Ottawa.

When committees travel outside Canada to inquire into matters, the meetings are called fact-finding missions, which means they are not considered official proceedings and no verbatim transcripts are published. The information gathered, however, is still valid to the committee's inquiry and can be used in a report of the committee.

The **Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples**, for its study on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, conducted fact-finding missions in Albuquerque and Gallup New Mexico from February 4 to 5, 2008; and in Window Rock and Fort Defiance, Arizona from February 5 to 6, 2008.

The **Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry**, for its study of rural poverty in Canada, held public hearings in Nicolet, Quebec on May 18, 2007; in Kapuskasing, Ontario on June 1, 2007; in Maniwaki, Quebec on June 8, 2007; and in Whitehorse, Yukon; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; and Iqaluit, Nunavut from February 18 to 22, 2008.



Members of the Agriculture and Forestry committee answer questions from Grade 5 students for its study of rural poverty in Canada in Whitehorse, Yukon



Members of the committee hearing from witnesses for its study of rural poverty in Canada in Iqaluit, Nunavut

The **Standing Committee on Human Rights**, for its study on issues relating to human rights and, *inter alia*, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations, conducted a fact-finding mission to Geneva, Switzerland; Strasbourg, France; and the Hague, Netherlands from March 24 to 31, 2008.



The **Standing Committee on National Security and Defence**, for its study on Canadian national security policy conducted fact-finding missions in Newark, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. from June 3 to 8, 2007; in Calgary and Wainwright, Alberta; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; and Winnipeg, Manitoba from September 10 to 13, 2007; and in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Kandahar, Afghanistan from March 28 to April 3, 2008.



The **Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs**, for its study on the benefits provided to veterans of war and peacekeeping missions in recognition of their services to Canada, conducted a fact-finding mission to Vimy, France from April 6 to 10, 2007.

The **Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament**, for its study on the use of Aboriginal languages in the Senate Chamber, conducted a fact-finding mission in Iqaluit, Nunavut from February 19 to 21, 2008.



The **Subcommittee on Population Health**, for its study on the impact of the multiple factors and conditions that contribute to the health of Canada's population, conducted a fact-finding mission to Havana, Cuba from January 12 to 19, 2008.





The **Standing Committee on Transport and Communications**, for its study on the current and potential future containerized freight traffic conducted fact-finding missions in Montreal, Quebec on May 14, 2007; and in Prince Rupert, British Columbia from February 1 to 3, 2008. The committee also held public hearings in Montreal, Quebec on May 14, 2007.

Parliamentary Internet

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Parliamentary Internet site (www.parl.gc.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the relevance of this medium to enhance the visibility of Senate committees.

All committee reports, press releases, and appropriate Directorate documents are converted into HTML and/or PDF format and posted on the Internet. Information on the Internet about Senate committees, including the date, time and place of meetings, expected witnesses, radio frequencies and whether the meeting will be webcast and/or video-recorded for broadcasting on CPAC are updated on a regular basis. Key directorate documents such as the *Annual Report*, *Fundamentals of Senate Committees* and *A Guide for Witnesses Appearing Before Senate Committees* are also available online.

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2007-2008 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Aboriginal Peoples

- *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations* (May 2007)

Aging (Special)

- *Issues and Options for an Aging Society* (March 2008)

Agriculture and Forestry

- *Livestock Industry* (December 2007)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- *The Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1999, c. 33) - Rx: Strengthen and Apply Diligently* (March 2008)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

- *The Evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon in July 2006: Implications for the Government of Canada* (May 2007)

Human Rights

- *Children: The Silenced Citizens* (April 2007)
- *Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: At the Crossroads* (May 2007)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- *Taking Section 35 rights seriously: non derogation clauses relating to Aboriginal and treaty rights* (December 13, 2007)

National Security and Defence

- *An Enduring Controversy: The Strategic Bombing Campaign Display in The Canadian War Museum* (June 2007)

National Finance

- *The Vertical and Municipal Fiscal Balances* (June 2007)
- *The Financial Security for Seniors: Entitlements and Retroactivity Provisions Under the Canada Pension Plan* (March 2008)

Official Languages

- *Relocation of Head Offices of Federal Institutions: Respect for Language Rights* (May 2007)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- *Population Health Policy: International Perspectives* (February 2008)
- *Maternal Health and Early Childhood Development in Cuba* (February 2008)

Transport and Communications

- *The Challenges Ahead for the Canadian Television Fund* (May 2007)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

Safe Drinking Water for First Nations

(Eighth Report (Final) tabled in the Senate on May 31, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-884S)

The Aboriginal Peoples Committee undertook a study on safe drinking water for First Nations partly in response to assessments carried out jointly by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) and Health Canada, which found that between 25% and 75% of the water systems on reserves posed significant health and safety risks.

After hearing the evidence, the committee formulated two recommendations. They recommended that DIAND provide a professional audit of water system facilities, as well as an independent needs assessment of the physical assets and human resources required by individual First Nations communities in relation to the delivery of safe drinking water. Upon completion of the assessment DIAND would commit the necessary resources.

Secondly, the committee recommended that DIAND undertake a comprehensive consultation process with First Nations communities, in order to collaboratively develop legislation to regulate the area of safe drinking water.

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Livestock Industry

(Fourth Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on December 11, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 2/39-284S)

In 2007, a “perfect storm” hit the livestock industry. Feed prices, which had steadily declined for the last decades, made a spectacular recovery at the end of 2006 and continued to rise in 2007. At the same time, livestock prices fell drastically while the Canadian dollar rose from U.S. \$0.85 to \$1.10. Rising energy costs also led to increased input prices and all those elements combined to put farmers in a very tight situation regarding their liquidity. To address this situation, the committee asked for an immediate cash injection, which could take the form of interest-free loans to address the cash flow squeeze. The committee also made two additional recommendations to help narrow the competitive gap between the Canadian and American livestock industries: increasing funding for the financial assistance program that helps packers comply with additional regulations on the disposal of specified risk material (SRM); and the establishment of a new Trade Directorate, whose mission would be to focus on special market access agreements for Canadian livestock and meat products.

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

The Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1999, c. 33) - Rx: Strengthen and Apply Diligently

(Six Report (Final) tabled in the Senate on March 4, 2008;
Sessional Paper No. 2/39-466S)

The committee released a report: *The Canadian Environment Protection Act (1999, c. 33), Rx: Strengthen and Apply Diligently* that concluded the Act must be strengthened and applied diligently to protect

Canadians from harmful substances. The Committee argued that a lack of will and of funding on the part of successive governments had kept CEPA from doing its intended job.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

The Evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon in July 2006: Implications for the Government of Canada

(Twelfth Report (Final) tabled in the Senate on May 31, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-883S)

The purpose of the committee's study was to examine the adequacy of contingency planning and preparation by relevant Canadian government departments and agencies prior to the evacuation in the summer of 2006; the response of the Canadian government to the need for such an evacuation, including the actual operations of the evacuation and the communication and coordination strategies that were developed and implemented; and the challenges facing officials in attempting to locate, protect, and evacuate the Canadians in Lebanon. As a result of this examination, the committee identified operational and policy related lessons learned from the evacuation and proposed five recommendations in the areas of planning, preparation, resource allocation, and organization in the event of future large-scale evacuations.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

Children: The Silenced Citizens

(Tenth report (Final) tabled in the Senate on April 25, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-780S)

Children: The Silenced Citizens – Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children reviews Canada's international obligations with respect to children's rights and freedoms under the UN *Convention on the Rights of the Child* as a case study reflecting the broader implications of ensuring that domestic legislation and policies comply with Canada's international human rights obligations. The report focuses on specific articles of the Convention to highlight the ways in which children's rights have not been effectively implemented in Canada in so many ways. To rectify this situation, the report recommends a variety of measures and mechanisms to ensure more effective implementation of the Convention for Canada's children. One of the committee's key recommendations in this respect addresses the need to ensure that the voices of Canadian children are heard in a meaningful way. The child's right to participate and to be heard is an important political right. The committee also recommends the establishment of an independent Children's Commissioner to monitor implementation of the Convention. Finally, the report proposes a new approach to how Canada deals with its signature, ratification, and implementation of international human rights treaties. To push the agenda for both children's rights and respect for the democratic process when signing, ratifying, and implementing international human rights treaties further, the committee concluded that Canada needs enhanced accountability mechanisms, increased parliamentary and public input, and a more open approach to compliance that promotes transparency and enhanced political will.

Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: At the Crossroads

(Twelfth report (Final) tabled in the Senate on May 10, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-817S)

In releasing its preliminary findings in *Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: At the Crossroads*, the committee sought to equip the Government of Canada with recommendations that may help it to build a more effective Human Rights Council at the United Nations. During its hearings, the

committee found that the Council is a proxy for larger international geo-strategic conflicts, a fact that led nearly all witnesses to express disappointment mixed with only cautious hope about the future. The overwhelming comment received by the committee was that it is still too early to tell whether the Council is working. Ultimately, the Human Rights Council is nowhere near finished the institution-building process.

In this preliminary report, the committee came to a number of conclusions as to how the Canadian government can most effectively bring its influence to bear in the maintenance of a viable and sustainable Council into the future. Ultimately, the committee noted that Canada needs to find a way to effectively manage its role to ensure that it does not lose its voice and influence on the Council, as well as to ensure that human rights are not lost to politics and positioning on a broader scale. The committee emphasized that the Canadian government needs to work to enhance credibility and leadership in its role as a member of the Human Rights Council. The committee noted that Canada can play an important bridge-building role that may ease the bloc politics on the Council and facilitate the effective functioning of the Council into the future. In order to achieve this goal, the committee recommended that the government put into place a Canadian ambassador for human rights. Such an ambassador would significantly enhance Canada's role and capacity at the Council, raise the profile and standing of human rights as a foreign policy issue in Canada, and re-focus Canada on the necessity of implementing its international human rights obligations in domestic law. The committee's primary recommendations with respect to the Council itself emphasized that the Canadian delegation bring focus to bear on the development and implementation of the Council's procedures, mechanisms, and rules. The committee encouraged the government to work towards ensuring that these mechanisms become powerful, credible and effective features of the Human Rights Council that are accompanied by effective follow-up and implementation.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Taking Section 35 rights seriously: non derogation clauses relating to Aboriginal and treaty rights

(Fifth Report (Final) tabled in the Senate on December 13, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 2/39-351S)

Non-derogation clauses are used in legislation to affirm that nothing in the bill in question is intended to infringe upon existing Aboriginal and treaty rights. Over the years, the wording of these clauses has varied. Aboriginal groups signaled that this trend could weaken Aboriginal and treaty rights as recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

In this report, the committee outlined a number of measures that, if enacted, would ensure uniformity in the use of the "non derogation clause." The committee's central recommendation urges government to add a blanket non-derogation provision to the federal Interpretation Act, for application to all federal legislation. To ensure clarity and avoid confusion, the committee also recommends the repeal of all non-derogation clauses relating to Aboriginal and treaty rights that have been included in federal legislation since 1982. The report also calls on government to introduce legislation requiring the Minister of Justice and Justice officials to examine all government bills and draft regulations with a view to ensuring they are consistent with section 35 Aboriginal and treaty rights.

Other recommendations in the report include the designation of a special unit within the Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio of the Department of Justice to coordinate work on Aboriginal rights issues and implementation of a process to work with Aboriginal peoples to identify and incorporate Aboriginal laws and traditions into the Canadian legal framework. The Committee also underscores the importance of comprehensive consultation policies with respect to the legislative process and Aboriginal stakeholders.

Standing Committee on National Finance

The Vertical and Municipal Fiscal Balances

(Seventeenth Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on June 21, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-939S)

Over a seven-week period in the spring of 2007, the committee heard presentations by and received written submissions from various provincial and territorial governments; municipal associations, municipalities, and cities; and academics and social policy experts. Witnesses spoke about the vertical and municipal balances, their extent and growth, and shared with the committee their thoughts about solutions to these issues. This report follows that examination and summarizes the range of views presented to the committee. The second interim report therefore focuses primarily on the fiscal challenges currently facing cities and communities across Canada and contains recommendations for strengthening the capacity of the various orders of government to fulfill their expenditure obligations to Canadians.

The Financial Security for Seniors: Entitlements and Retroactivity Provisions under the Canada Pension Plan

(Ninth Report (Interim) presented in the Senate on March 11, 2008)

In December 2006, the committee members heard from stakeholders and government officials in order to examine the topic of financial security for seniors and, in particular, the entitlements and retroactivity provisions under the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). In their *Report on the Financial Security for Seniors: Entitlements and Retroactivity Provisions under the Canada Pension Plan* the committee makes two recommendations to the federal government concerning changing the retroactivity provisions of the Canada Pension Plan and reviewing the Federal Canada Pension Plan outreach efforts.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

An Enduring Controversy: The Strategic Bombing Campaign Display in The Canadian War Museum

(Sixteenth Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on June 12, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-915S)

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs examined issues surrounding the public dispute over a Canadian War Museum display relating to the allied strategic bombing campaign in Europe during the Second World War.

Members of the subcommittee, received numerous letters from the public on this issue. The majority came from veterans who felt strongly that the display dealing with the operations of the Royal Air Force (RAF) Bomber Command, in which thousands of Canadian aircrew served, inaccurately captured the reality of their service.

The subcommittee suggested that the Canadian War Museum could take the lead in resolving the dispute. The subcommittee further recommended that the museum review the detailed presentation of the display panel in question and that they consider alternative ways of presenting an historically accurate version of its material, in a manner that eliminates the sense of insult felt by aircrew veterans and removes potential for further misinterpretation by the public.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

Relocation of Head Offices of Federal Institutions: Respect for Language Rights

(Eighth Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on May 17, 2007;

Sessional Paper No. 1/39-865S)

In this report tabled in May 2007, the committee examined the effects of the relocation of head offices of federal institutions on communications with and services to the public; employees' languages of work; and the vitality of official languages communities in a minority setting and the promotion of linguistic duality. The committee offered the government effective and efficient ways to ensure full protection of the rights set out in the *Official Languages Act* in the event of the move of a federal agency head office from a bilingual region to a unilingual region.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Population Health Policy: International Perspectives

(Seventh Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on February 26, 2008;

Sessional Paper No. 2/39-449S)

Population health refers to health outcomes and their distribution in the population. The health status of individuals and the population is influenced by the complex interaction of a wide range of determinants over the life course. The report presents an analysis of government policies to address population health and reduce health disparities in 6 countries – Australia, England, Finland, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden.

In examining the approach of these countries, the Subcommittee on Population Health concluded that there is no single right way to address health determinants and reduce health disparities. A challenge all countries face is the shortage of evidence on the effectiveness of interventions to reduce disparities in health. The health sector has a crucial leadership role to play in working in partnership with other sectors responsible for policies and programs that have an impact on population health and health disparities. Moreover, the backing of finance departments is of particular importance to ensure that adequate funds are available and the compliance of other government departments.

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) practice is well developed in many of the countries covered in this review. In some countries, public health legislation has been employed to embed HIA as an integral component of government processes. Finally, this report concludes that a challenge for the implementation of a population health strategy is the active involvement of all relevant government departments.

Maternal Health and Early Childhood Development in Cuba

(Eighth Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on February 26, 2008;

Sessional Paper No. 2/39-450S)

Early childhood development is one of the most important factors influencing health. Having received considerable testimony about the attributes of the Cuban approach, the Subcommittee on Population Health decided to conduct a fact-finding visit to study the country's approach to maternal health and early childhood development. Senators met with representatives of numerous government departments, health and education institutions, analyst institutes, and international organizations as well as with members of the Cuban Parliament.

The report describes the key role played by "Polyclinics." These local establishments ensure integration of science, knowledge transfer, parent education and community mobilization, in addition to providing primary health care. In addition, they are directly involved in three preschool education programs. The

Círculos infantiles are child care centres for children whose mothers are working. The *Educa a Tu Hijo* [Educate Your Child] Program provides non-institutional preschool education for children who do not attend child care centres; it is based on household education or is delivered through informal groups in parks or other nearby sites. A preschool preparatory grade for 5 year olds is open to all children whether their mothers work or not.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

The Challenges Ahead for the Canadian Television Fund

(Ninth Report (Final) tabled in the Senate on May 10, 2007;
Sessional Paper No. 1/39-815S)

At the end of 2006 and the beginning of 2007, two cable companies suspended their monthly contributions to the Canadian Television Fund (CTF). The companies voiced concerns about the governance of the CTF and the efficiency of its funding (a poor track record of producing popular programs and an inability to provide adequate financing for the production of content for the emerging new media). Producers and others connected with programming financed by the CTF, on the other hand, were concerned that the suspension of payments to the CTF endangered programs in the pipeline.

The committee held meetings with the interested parties and issued a report, "The Challenges Ahead for the Canadian Television Fund" in May 2007. The report included five recommendations, aimed at re-establishing the monthly payments from the cable companies and addressing the concerns about CTF governance and the effectiveness of its spending. Monthly payments from the cable companies were resumed, and the CRTC formed a task force to examine the CTF, which led to public hearings and its own recommendations on the CTF.

Special Senate Committee on Aging

Issues and Options for an Aging Society

(Third Report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on March 11, 2008;
Sessional Paper No. 2/39-477S)

This interim report is the result of the committee's work during the second phase. In this report, the committee identifies key public policy issues with respect to the aging of the population and presents a set of 84 potential options for addressing them. The issues and options contained in this report have been raised by witnesses before the committee and in responses to a questionnaire. They focused on active aging; older workers, retirement and income security; healthy aging; supports to aging in place of choice; and the regional distribution of health costs associated with aging.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2007-2008

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

In the fiscal year 2007-2008, the committee was granted two orders of reference, one for legislation, the other for a special study. On November 21, 2007, the committee received an order of reference to examine and report on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and on other matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Pursuant to this broad order of reference, the committee undertook one special study, on the implementation of comprehensive land claims agreements in Canada. As of the end of March, 2007, the committee had held 8 meetings and heard 24 witnesses in the course of its study.

Seven members of the committee also went on a fact-finding mission to Arizona and New Mexico in February 2007. The purpose of the trip was to study initiatives undertaken by the Navaho, Pueblo and Apache nations to see if some of their successes could be repeated in Canada, particularly in the areas of economic development and education.

On the legislative front, the committee had two bills referred to it. On May 15, 2007, the committee received an order of reference to examine Bill S-6, the First Nations Land Management Act. It reported this bill without amendment on May 31, 2007. On December 11, 2007, Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord, was referred to the committee. As of March, 2008, no study of the legislation had as yet been undertaken.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Seventh	Bill S-6 (First Nations Land Management Act)	2007-05-31	4	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Drinking water in First Nations' communities	2007-05-31	12	Final report entitled <i>Safe Drinking Water for First Nations</i>
Ninth	Drinking water in First Nations' communities	2007-06-19	-	Budget

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-15	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2007-12-06	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	15	21.0	19.8	43	5
2006-07	30	46.8	20.2	101	6
2005-06	25	49.5	-	132	3
2004-05	19	26.5	29.4	64	5
2003-04	20	35.7	-	60	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$71,814
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$6,109</u>
TOTAL	\$77,923

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gerry St. Germain, P.C. (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Nick G. Sibbeston (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Dyck, Gill, Gustafson, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Peterson, Segal, Sibbeston, St. Germain, P.C., Watt and Zimmer

Other Senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Milne

Committee Clerk:
Josée Therien

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Tonina Simeone and Mary Hurley (Library of Parliament)
Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:
The Honourable Senator Gerry St. Germain, P.C. (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:
The Honourable Senator Nick G. Sibbeston (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):
The Honourable Senators Campbell, Dallaire, Dyck, Gill, Gustafson, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Peterson, Segal, Sibbeston and St. Germain, P.C.

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:
The Honourable Senators Adams, Cowan, Meighen, Nolin, Oliver, Tkachuk, Watt and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:
Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Tonina Simeone and Mary Hurley (Library of Parliament)
Nicole Raymond (until January 2008) and Lucy Laflamme (since February 2008) (Administrative Assistants)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

During 2007-2008, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry continued its study on rural poverty in Canada. The committee finished its pan-Canadian hearings, holding hearings in Nicolet and Maniwaki, Québec; Kapuskasing, Ontario; Whitehorse, Yukon; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and Iqaluit, Nunavut. During its travels, the committee heard from a variety of witnesses, including representatives of economic development agencies, food banks, farmers, forestry workers, fishers, social workers, local politicians, educators, provincial bureaucrats, etc. The committee tabled its final report: *Beyond Freefall: Halting Rural Poverty* in June 2008.

From November through December 2007, the committee held meetings on the current state and future of agriculture and forestry in Canada, focusing on the income crises in the meat industry. These hearing lead to the release of its interim report entitled: *Livestock Industry* in December 2007. The report outlines the series of factors that had been kicking in at the same time to the point everybody talked of a “perfect storm” hitting the livestock industry. Feed prices, which had steadily declined for the last decades, made a spectacular recovery at the end of 2006 and continued to rise in 2007. On the other hand, livestock prices have been falling drastically at the same time the Canadian dollar rose from U.S. \$0.85 to \$1.10. Rising energy costs have also led to increased input prices and all those elements combined have put farmers in a very tight situation regarding their liquidity. To address this situation, the committee asked for an immediate cash injection, which could take the form of interest-free loans to address the cash flow squeeze. The committee also made two additional recommendations to help narrow the competitive gap between the Canadian and the American livestock industries: increasing funding for the financial assistance program that helps packers comply with additional regulations on the disposal of specified risk material (SRM); and the establishment of a new Trade Directorate, whose mission would be to focus on special market access agreements for Canadian livestock and meat products.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Ninth	Rural poverty in Canada	2007-05-03	-	Budget
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-15	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Rural poverty in Canada	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Third	The present state and future of agriculture and forestry in Canada	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Fourth	The present state and future of agriculture and forestry in Canada	2007-12-11	10	Interim report entitled: <i>Livestock Industry</i>

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Fifth	Bill C-44 (Agricultural Marketing Programs Act)	2008-02-28	3	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	38	73.8	-	172	6
2006-07	59	109.3	18.4	213	8
2005-06	10	12.4	-	27	4
2004-05	23	37.1	29.5	66	5
2003-04	26	46.8	-	70	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$290,405
Witness Expenses:	\$19,955
TOTAL	\$310,360

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joyce Fairbairn, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leonard J. Gustafson (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Christensen, Fairbairn, P.C., Gustafson, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Mercer, Mitchell, Oliver, Pépin, Peterson, Segal and Tkachuk

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Biron, Chaput, Dawson, Eyton, Fraser, Harb, Lavigne, Milne, Phalen, St. Germain, P.C., and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marc-André Pigeon and Marc Leblanc (Library of Parliament)
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joyce Fairbairn, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leonard J. Gustafson (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Bacon, Baker, P.C., Callbeck, Cowan, Fairbairn, P.C. Gustafson,
*Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Mercer, Peterson,
Segal and St. Germain, P.C.

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Brown, Chaput, Hubley, Losier-Cool, Meighen, Mitchell, Oliver,
Sibbeston and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marc-André Pigeon and Marc Leblanc (Library of Parliament)
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. General Information

During the period of 2007-2008, the committee examined six bills:

1st Session, 39th Parliament

- Bill C-26, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal interest rate)
- Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Old Age Security Act
- Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act, the Excise Act, 2001 and the Air Travellers Security Charge Act and to make related amendments to other Acts
- Bill C-47, An Act respecting the protection of marks related to the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games and protection against certain misleading business associations and making a related amendment to the Trade-marks Act .

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

- Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Canada-United States Tax Convention Act, 1984
- Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, the Wage Earner Protection Program Act and chapter 47 of the Statutes of Canada, 2005.

In 2007-2008, the committee studied issues dealing with interprovincial barriers to trade. In the course of its examination of the present state of the domestic and international financial system, the committee was looking at the issue of hedge funds and their impact in Canada, as well as the issue of bankruptcy and insolvency.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Fifteenth	Bill C-26 (Criminal Code - criminal interest rate)	2007-04-19	32	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Sixteenth	Bill C-36 (Canada Pension Plan and the Old Age Security Act)	2007-04-19	14	Bill reported without amendment
Seventeenth	Issues dealing with interprovincial barriers to trade	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Eighteenth	Present state of the domestic and international financial system	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Nineteenth	Bill C-40 (Excise Tax Act, the Excise Act, 2001 and the Air Travellers Security Charge Act)	2007-06-07	6	Bill reported without amendment

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Twentieth	Bill C-47 (Protection of marks related to the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games and protection against certain misleading business associations)	2007-06-21	10	Bill reported without amendment
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-15	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Bill S-2 (Canada-United States Tax Convention Act, 1984)	2007-11-15	3	Bill reported without amendment
Third	Interprovincial barriers to trade	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Fourth	The present state of the domestic and international financial system	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Fifth	Bill C-12 (Bankruptcy and Insolvency Ac)	2007-12-13	10	Bill reported with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2007-08	31	56.2	-	121	11
2006-07	36	70.6	25	153	14
2005-06	27	55.5	-	107	11
2004-05	29	44.6	-	107	8
2003-04	30	60.4	17.5	111	10

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$50,599
Witnesses Expenses:	\$4,492
TOTAL	\$55,091

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jerahmiel S. Grafstein (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Angus, Biron, Eyton, Fitzpatrick, Grafstein, Goldstein, Harb,
*Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore and
Tkachuk

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Cordy, Campbell, Gustafson, Johnson, Segal and Ringuette

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Analysts and Administrative Support:

June Dewetering and Philippe Bergevin (Library of Parliament)
Matthieu Boulianne (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Yoine Goldstein (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Angus, Biron, Cowan, Eyton, Fitzpatrick, Goldstein, Grafstein, Harb,
*Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Meighen, Ringuette
and Tkachuk

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Chaput, Fox, Gustafson, Jaffer, Moore, Nolin, Oliver, Peterson, Poy and
Segal

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Analysts and Administrative Support:

June Dewetering and Philippe Bergevin (Library of Parliament)
Matthieu Boulianne (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee of Conflict of Interest for Senators

A. General Information

The Senate Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators was created under the Rules of the Senate to be responsible for all matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Senators adopted in 2005, and to exercise general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer. The committee's responsibilities are detailed in the Code.

The membership of the committee is determined by a process that differs from that of most other committees. In accordance with the provisions of the Code, two members are elected by secret ballot in the respective caucuses of the Government and Opposition parties. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. The Chair of the committee must be chosen by at least four members of the committee.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2008-01-30	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Senators	2008-02-13	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	7	7.4	-	2
2006-07	3	1.4	-	1
2005-06	6	15.4	-	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$714
Witness Expenses:	NIL
TOTAL	\$714

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (agreed to by Motion of the Senate):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Carstairs, P.C., Joyal, P.C., and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Jamie Robertson (Library of Parliament)

Denine Martin (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (agreed to by Motion of the Senate):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Carstairs, P.C., Joyal, P.C., and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Jamie Robertson (Library of Parliament)

Denine Martin (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

A. General Information

The committee deals with matters relating to energy, the environment and natural resources generally, including: mining and natural resources, other than fisheries and forestry; pipelines, transmission lines and energy transportation; environmental affairs; and other energy-related matters.

The committee examined three Bills during the 2007-2008, fiscal year:

- Bill C-15, An Act respecting the exploitation of the Donkin coal block and employment in or in connection with the operation of a mine that is wholly or partly at the Donkin coal block, and to make a consequential amendment to the Canada--Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act.
- Bill S-208, An Act to require the Minister of the Environment to establish, in co-operation with the provinces, an agency with the power to identify and protect Canada's watersheds that will constitute sources of drinking water in the future.
- Bill C-298, An Act to add perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and its salts to the Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Sixth	Bill C-288 (Canada meets its global climate change - the Kyoto Protocol)	2007-05-17	18	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Bill S-209 (Personal watercraft in navigable waters)	2007-05-31	-	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Bill S-210 (National Capital Act - establishment and protection of Gatineau Park)	2006-06-07	3	Bill reported with two amendments and with observations
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-14	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Emerging Issues	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Third	Bill C-15 (the Donkin Coal Block Development Opportunity Act)	2007-12-13	8	Bill reported without amendment

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008) includes the number of witnesses who appeared during that parliamentary session on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Fourth	Canadian Environmental Protection Act	2008-02-07	-	Budget
Fifth	Subject-matter of Bill S-208 (Protect Canada's watersheds)	2008-02-28	8	Recommends resumption of debate at second reading
Sixth	Canadian Environmental Protection Act	2008-03-04		Final report entitled: <i>Rx: Strengthen and Apply Diligently</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	30	46.0	-	48	9
2006-07	33	53.6	12.0	76	5
2005-06	22	48.7	41.6	70	7
2004-05	31	47.0	14.2	82	7
2003-04	29	41.7	17.0	74	10

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$26,293
Witness Expenses:	NIL
TOTAL	\$26,293

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Tommy Banks (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ethel M. Cochrane (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Angus, Banks, Cochrane, Fox, P.C., *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) Lavigne, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Milne, Peterson, Sibbeston, Spivak and Tardif

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Carney, P.C., Cordy, Cowan, Dawson, Fraser, Gustafson, Kenny, McCoy, Mitchell, Murray, P.C., Robichaud, P.C., St. Germain, P.C., and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Lynne Myers and Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier (Library of Parliament)
Nicole Bédard (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Tommy Banks (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Adams, Banks, Brown, Campbell, Cochrane, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Kenny, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Milne, Mitchell, Nolin, Sibbeston, Spivak and Trenholme Counsell

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators, Carney, P.C., Grafstein, McCoy, Moore, Oliver, Peterson and Phalen

Committee Clerk:

Francois Michaud (until December 2007)
Éric Jacques (from January 2008)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Lynne Myers, Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier and Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)
Nicole Bédard (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

A. General Information

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the committee was authorized to study the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans. As part of its work, the committee met with government, organizations and northerners to better understand Arctic issues, specifically:

- The role of the Canadian Coast Guard in the Arctic
- Fisheries and marine activities in the Arctic, and
- The challenges of climate change in the Arctic.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Eighth	Managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2007-05-03	-	Budget
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2008-02-07	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	15	25.2	-	31	3
2006-07	20	37.2	10.2	57	7
2005-06	15	27.7	16.0	42	2
2004-05	17	22.4	-	34	2
2003-04	26	42.4	-	51	8

* In the individual committee profiles:

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D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$4,885
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$3,302</u>
TOTAL	\$8,187

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator William Rompkey, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Janis G. Johnson (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Adams, Baker, P.C., Campbell, Comeau, Cowan, Forrestall, Gill, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) Hubley, Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Meighen, Rompkey, P.C., and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Cook, Phalen and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Claude Emery (Library of Parliament)

Mirella Agostini (until August 2007) and Louise Pronovost (since September 2007) (Administrative Assistants)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator William Rompkey, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ethel M. Cochrane (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Adams, Campbell, Cochrane, Comeau, Cowan, Gill, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Hubley, Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Meighen, Robichaud, P.C., Rompkey, P.C., and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Banks, Cook, Eyton, Gustafson and Peterson

Committee Clerk:
Lynn Gordon

Analyst and Administrative Support:
Claude Emery (Library of Parliament)
Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A. General Information

According to the *Rules of the Senate*, the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs deals with matters relating to foreign relations generally, including: treaties and international agreements; external trade; foreign aid; defence and territorial and offshore matters. It dates from 1938 when the Senate agreed to establish a Committee on External Relations in order to contribute to the debate on the political instability in Europe. On October 30, 2006, the Senate adopted a resolution to change the name of the committee to that of Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, a name which appropriately reflects the nature and the scope of the work done by the committee over the years, such as special studies on Canada-US Relations (1976-1982), the Free Trade Agreement (1988-1990), NAFTA (1991-1993), NATO (2000) and Russia and Ukraine (2002).

On March 4, 2008, the committee received a mandate to study the rise of China, India and Russia in the global economy and the implications for Canadian policy. The main objective of this study is to better understand the high levels of economic growth of these countries in order to formulate concrete recommendations on Canada's policy response to the Government of Canada. The study is ongoing.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Eighth	The effectiveness of Canada's promotion of democratic development abroad; the role of the Parliament of Canada	2007-05-01	-	Budget
Ninth	Evacuation of Canadian citizens from Lebanon in July 2006	2007-05-01	-	Budget
Tenth	Issues relating to foreign relations	2007-05-17	-	Budget
Eleventh	Bill C-48 (Criminal Code in order to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption)	2007-05-17	4	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Evacuation of Canadian citizens from Lebanon in July 2006	2007-05-31	9	Final Report entitled <i>The Evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon in July 2006: Implications for the Government of Canada</i>
Thirteenth	User Fee Proposal relating to the International Youth Program	2007-06-06	2	Review

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Fourteenth	Bill C-61 (Geneva Conventions Act - incorporate the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Trade-marks Act)	2007-06-21	3	Bill reported without amendment
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-15	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Foreign relations in general	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Third	Bill C-9 (ICSID Convention).	2008-02-28	4	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	26	35.3	-	66	10
2006-07	29	37.3	60.6	56	7
2005-06	21	33.1	69.6	72	6
2004-05	21	30.0	-	80	4
2003-04	22	27.2	65.9	43	7

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$25,233
Witness Expenses:	\$5,130
TOTAL	\$30,363

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Consiglio Di Nino (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Peter A. Stollery (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Corbin, Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Downe, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, McCoy, Merchant, Segal Smith, P.C., St. Germain, P.C., and Stollery

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dallaire, Eyton, Gustafson, Peterson, Ringuette, Robichaud, P.C., and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Peter Berg, Allison Goody and Michael Holden (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Consiglio Di Nino (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Peter A. Stollery (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Corbin, Dawson, Di Nino, Downe, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), P.C., Jaffer, Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Nolin, Rivest, Smith, P.C., and Stollery

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Grafstein and Trenholme Counsell

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Peter Berg, Allison Goody and Michael Holden (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

In May 2007, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights tabled its interim report entitled: *Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: At the Crossroads*, in which it sought equip the Government of Canada with recommendations that may help it to build a more effective Human Rights Council at the United Nations. During its hearings, the committee found that the Council is a proxy for larger international geo-strategic conflicts, a fact that led nearly all witnesses to express disappointment mixed with only cautious hope about the future. The overwhelming comment received by the committee was that it is still too early to tell whether the Council is working. In this preliminary report, the committee came to a number of conclusions as to how the Canadian government can most effectively bring its influence to bear in the maintenance of a viable and sustainable Council into the future. Ultimately, the committee noted that Canada needs to find a way to effectively manage its role to ensure that it does not lose its voice and influence on the Council, as well as to ensure that human rights are not lost to politics and positioning on a broader scale. In order to continue to monitor developments at the United Nations Human Rights Council, the committee held hearings in Ottawa in February and March and traveled to Geneva to meet with various persons working at or with the Human Rights Council.

In June 2007, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights finished its study on Canada's international obligations in regards to the rights and freedoms of children and tabled its final report entitled: *Children: The Silenced Citizens – Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children*. The report reviews Canada's international obligations with respect to children's rights and freedoms under the UN *Convention on the Rights of the Child* as a case study reflecting the broader implications of ensuring that domestic legislation and policies comply with Canada's international human rights obligations. The report focuses on specific articles of the Convention to highlight the ways in which children's rights have not been effectively implemented in Canada. To rectify this situation, the report recommends a variety of measures and mechanisms to ensure more effective implementation of the Convention for Canada's children.

In the fall and winter, the committee continued its ongoing study into employment equity in the federal public service holding hearings in Ottawa, hearing from various government officials, non-government organizations, public-sector unions and individuals.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Tenth	Canada's international obligations in regard to the rights and freedoms of children	2007-04-25	110	Final Report entitled <i>Children: The Silenced Citizens</i>

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Eleventh	Monitor issues relating to human rights	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Twelfth	Monitor issues relating to human rights	2007-05-10	15	Report entitled: <i>Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: At the Crossroads</i>
Thirteenth	Bill S-207 (Criminal Code - protection of children)	2007-06-22	11	Bill reported without amendment
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Canada's international national human rights obligations	2007-12-11	-	Budget
Third	Recommendations contained in the committee's report entitled <i>Children: The Silenced Citizens: Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children</i>	2007-12-11	-	Budget
Fourth	Alleged discrimination in hiring/promotion practices of Federal Public Service	2007-12-11	-	Budget
Fifth	Government follow up to report of the committee on Matrimonial Property on Reserve	2007-12-11	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill C-42 (Museums Act)	2008-03-04	3	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	16	28.7	25.6	63	10
2006-07	24	58.3	13.6	125	9
2005-06	18	38.9	41.0	101	3
2004-05	14	22.1	27.0	46	16
2003-04	14	27.8	32.0	35	9

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$98,125
Witness Expenses:	\$9,513
TOTAL	\$107,638

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**1st Session, 39th Parliament**

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Carstairs, P.C., Dallaire, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Pépin and Poy

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Fraser, Hubley, Jaffer, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Vanessa Moss-Norbury

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Laura Barnett (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Dallaire, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Jaffer, Kinsella,
*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Munson, Oliver, Pépin and Poy

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Cowan, Dawson, Goldstein, Johnson, Mercer, Nancy Ruth,
Spivak, Stratton and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Laura Barnett (Library of Parliament)
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees and sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and budget expenditures. It also presents the Estimates of the Senate for approval. Under the *Rules of the Senate*, this committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Fifteenth	Rule 86 (g)	2007-05-03	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2007-2008
Sixteenth	Rule 86 (g)	2007-05-10	-	Conduct of staff
Seventeenth	Rule 86 (g)	2007-05-31	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2007-2008
Eighteenth	Rule 86 (g)	2007-06-20	-	Amendments to the Senate Administrative Rules
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-21	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Rule 86 (g)	2007-12-06	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2007-08
Third	Rule 86 (g)	2008-02-07	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2007-08
Fourth	Rule 86 (g)	2008-02-28	-	Estimates for the fiscal year 2008-2009

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	12	14.9	-	8
2006-07	18	33.9	2	14
2005-06	14	20.0	8	6
2004-05	15	18.4	2	8
2003-04	19	25.2	2	9

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$2,098
Witness Expenses:	NIL
TOTAL	\$2,098

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Comeau, Cook, Downe, Furey, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Jaffer, Kenny, Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Nolin, Phalen, Poulin, Prud'homme, P.C., Robichaud, P.C., Stollery and Stratton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Munson, Nancy Ruth and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Paul C. Bélisle (Clerk of the Senate)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie and Julie Côté

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Comeau, Cook, Cowan, Downe, Furey, Goldstein, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C., (or Tardif), Jaffer, Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Nancy Ruth, Phalen, Prud'homme, P.C., Robichaud, P.C., Stollery and Stratton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Chaput, Dawson, Kenny, Munson, Nolin, Oliver, Poulin and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Paul C. Bélisle (Clerk of the Senate)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie and Rachel Parisien

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

A. General Information

The vast majority of this committee's work is in considering legislation. During this fiscal year, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee studied the following bills:

1st Session, 39th Parliament

- o Bill C-18, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to DNA identification
- o Bill S-4, An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (Senate tenure)
- o Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act
- o Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conditional sentence of imprisonment)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

- o Bill S-203, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (cruelty to animals)
- o Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal procedure, language of the accused, sentencing and other amendments)
- o Bill S-207, An Act to repeal legislation that has not come into force within ten years of receiving royal assent
- o Bill S-213, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (lottery schemes)
- o Bill C-11, An Act to give effect to the Nunavik Land Claims Agreement and to make a consequential amendment to another Act
- o Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

The committee was able to complete its study and report on all of these bills within the fiscal year. In addition, the committee completed its work and tabled its final report concerning the inclusion of non-derogation clauses in federal legislation. The committee also held meetings conducting a review of the amendments made by *An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Eleventh	Bill C-9 (Criminal Code - conditional sentence of imprisonment)	2007-05-03	16	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Twelfth	Bill C-31 (Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act)	2007-06-05	30	Bill reported with 11 amendments

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Thirteenth	Bill S-4 (Constitution Act, 1867 -Senate tenure)	2007-06-12	22	Bill reported with 2 amendments and with observations
Fourteenth	Bill C-18 (Acts in relation to DNA identification)	2007-06-14	12	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-15	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Bill S-203 (Criminal Code - cruelty to animals)	2007-11-22	1	Bill reported without amendment
Third	Bill S-207 (Legislation that has not come into force within then years of receiving royal assent)	2007-12-06	-	Bill reported without amendment
Fourth	Bill C-13 (Criminal Code - criminal procedure, language of the accused, sentencing)	2007-12-11	14	Bill reported with six amendments and observations
Fifth	Study on non-derogation clauses	2007-12-13	7	Review
Sixth	Bill S-213 (Criminal Code - lottery schemes)	2008-01-31	-	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Bill C-11 (Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement)	2008-01-31	19	Bill reported with two amendments and observations
Eighth	Bill C-2 (Criminal Code)	2008-02-27	61	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	44	93.9	174	12
2006-07	62	153.8	231	10
2005-06	35	76.8	106	9
2004-05	29	35.2	51	10
2003-04	31	57.7	104	12

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$13,422
Witness Expenses:	\$26,853
TOTAL	\$40,275

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Oliver (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lorna Milne (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Bryden, Cools, Furey, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Milne, Nolin, Oliver, Ringuette and Rivest

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Angus, Banks, Cowan, Fraser, Hays, P.C., Hervieux-Payette, P.C. Mahovlich, Moore, Prud'homme, P.C., Robichaud, P.C., Rompkey, P.C., Smith, P.C., Stratton, P.C., Tardif, Tkachuk, Trenholme Counsell, Watt and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Margaret Young (Library of Parliament)
Natalie Lemay-Paquette (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Bryden, Carstairs, P.C., Di Nino, Fraser, Furey, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Milne, Oliver, Stratton and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Campbell, Chaput, Cowan, De Bané, P.C., Dyck, Fox, Gustafson, Jaffer, Lapointe, Lovelace Nicholas, McCoy, Merchant, Moore, Peterson, Prud'homme, P.C., Ringuette, Sibbeston, Smith, P.C., St. Germain, P.C., Tardif and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Alana Blouin (until January 2008) and Nicole Raymond (since February 2008) (Administrative Assistants)

Standing Committee on National Finance

A. General Information

The committee was first created in May 1919 as the Committee on Finance, and in 1968 it became the Committee on National Finance. The committee's work is focused on matters relating to government spending. As stated in the *Rules of the Senate* (Rule 86(1)(i)), the committee has a mandate to examine matters relating to federal Estimates generally, including:

- i. the national accounts and the reports of the Auditor General; and
- ii. Government finance.

A large part of the committee's work is devoted to a review of the government's Estimates and issues arising out of that review.

Study of the Estimates and Legislation

As is customary, much of the committee's attention during the fiscal year 2007-2008 (which spanned two sessions of the 39th Parliament), was focussed on the Estimates, which outline the government's expenditure plans. The committee held several meetings to examine various aspects of the Government's planned expenditures for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, including the *Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008* and *Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-2008*. During these examinations, a range of issues was brought to the attention of the Senate by the committee.

In addition, the committee continued their examination of vertical and horizontal fiscal balances (the first report, *The Horizontal Fiscal Balance: Towards a Principled Approach*, was released in December 2006), which began in September of 2006, and presented their report *The Vertical and Municipal Fiscal Balance* (Seventeenth Report, 39th Parliament, 1st Session) in June of 2007.

As part of their examination of the 2007-2008 Main Estimates, the committee heard from witnesses in December 2007 in order to examine the topic of financial security for seniors and, in particular, the entitlements and retroactivity provisions under the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). *The Report on Financial Security for Seniors: Entitlements and Retroactivity Provisions Under the Canada Pension Plan* (Ninth Report, 39th Parliament, 2nd Session) was presented in March of 2008 and contained two recommendations.

Again, as part of their examination of the Main Estimates, the committee heard from witnesses about matters affecting the management of the federal Public Service. The committee also held several meetings as a result of their interest in the status of the appointments and role of officers and agents of Parliament created or modified by the Federal Accountability Act.

Five bills were also reported by the committee: C-294, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (sports and recreation programs) – reported without amendment; C-52, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2007 – reported without amendment; S-215, An Act to protect heritage lighthouses – reported with amendments; C-41, An Act respecting payments to a trust established to provide provinces and territories with funding for community development – reported without amendment; and S-201, An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act and the Bank of Canada Act (quarterly financial reports) – reported with amendments.

The committee studied the subject matter of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on May 2, 2006 and reported back to the Senate, approving the bill in general.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Fourteenth	Study on fiscal balance	2007-04-17	-	Budget
Fifteenth	Bill C-294 (Income Tax Act - sports and recreation programs)	2007-06-06	3	Bill reported without amendment
Sixteenth	Estimates 2007-08	2007-06-06	8	Review
Seventeenth	Study on fiscal balance	2007-06-21	24	Interim Report entitled <i>The Vertical and Municipal Fiscal Balances</i> .
Eighteenth	Bill C-52 (Budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2007)	2007-06-21	27	Bill reported without amendment
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-14	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-08	2007-11-28	2	Review
Third	Bill S-215 (Protect heritage lighthouses)	2007-12-13	5	Bill reported with 18 amendments
Fourth	Subject-matter of Bill C-28 (implement certain provisions of the budget)	2007-12-13	20	Review
Fifth	Bill C-41 (Making of payments to provinces and territories for community development)	2008-02-07	2	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Bill S-201 (Bank of Canada Act - quarterly financial reports)	2008-02-27	7	Bill reported with 4 amendments
Seventh	Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-08	2008-03-04	2	Review
Eighth	Estimates 2008-09	2008-03-06	2	Interim report

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Ninth	Estimates 2007-08	2008-03-11	8	Report entitled: <i>The Financial Security for Seniors: Entitlements and Retroactivity Provisions under the Canada Pension Plan</i>
Tenth	Estimates 2007-08	2008-03-11	19	Final Report on <i>Main Estimates 2007-2008</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	35	64.3	-	129	15
2006-07	32	53.1	-	82	13
2005-06	28	50.0	27.0	77	12
2004-05	26	43.8	-	68	8
2003-04	27	44.2	-	98	11

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$5,178
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$15,095</u>
TOTAL	\$20,273

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Nancy Ruth (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Biron, Cools, Cowan, Day, Eggleton, P.C., Fox, P.C., *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mitchell, Murray, P.C., Nancy Ruth, Ringuette, Rompkey, P.C., and Stratton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Andreychuk, Angus, Baker, P.C., Banks, Cochrane, Cordy, Di Nino, Dyck, Furey, Gustafson, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Hubley, McCoy, Moore, Mercer, Merchant, Peterson, Phalen, Spivak, St. Germain, P.C., and Trenholme Counsell

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Tara Gray and Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)
Mirella Agostini (until August 2007) and Louise Pronovost (since September 2007) (Administrative Assistants)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Biron, Cowan, Day, De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Eggleton, P.C., *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mitchell, Moore, Murray, P.C., Nancy Ruth, Ringuette and Stratton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Callbeck, Carney, P.C., and Chaput

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Guy Beaumier and Jean Dupuis (Library of Parliament)
Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A. General Information

Created in early 2001, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence has been active in undertaking studies on security especially in response to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States and the increased concern about national security throughout the world.

After conducting an introductory survey of the major security and defence issues facing Canada, the committee concluded that there was an urgent need for a national security policy and this became the basis for subsequent orders of reference. Four broad areas of study were included in the mandate: the capabilities of the Departments of National Defence and Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; the working relationships between various agencies involved in intelligence gathering and analysis; the mechanisms to review the agencies involved in intelligence gathering; and the security of borders and critical infrastructure.

This fiscal year, the committee visited Washington D.C. in June 2007 where they met with US Congressmen and senators who are active in the same areas as the committee. They also travelled to several military bases and cities in western Canada in September 2007. When Parliament resumed after prorogation in the fall of 2007, the committee focused on its work plan and prepared for and travelled to examine the Canadian Forces mission in Afghanistan.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Fourteenth	Services and benefits provided to Canadian Forces, veterans of war and peacekeeping missions	2007-04-24	4	Veterans Affairs attendance of the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
Fifteenth	National security policy for Canada	2007-05-03	-	Supplementary release of funds
Sixteenth	Services and benefits provided to Canadian Forces, veterans of war and peacekeeping missions	2007-06-12	14	Interim report entitled <i>An Enduring Controversy: The Strategic Bombing Campaign Display in The Canadian War Museum</i>
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-13	-	Expenses from the previous session

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Second	National security policy for Canada	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Third	Services and benefits provided to veterans in recognition of their services to Canada	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Fourth	National security policy for Canada	2008-03-06	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	18	68.7	114.0	71	7
2006-07	25	111.4	198.0	77	13
2005-06	24	100.8	119.2	82	8
2004-05	49	159.5	12.8	217	7
2003-04	37	105.5	62.3	133	15

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$563,416
Witness Expenses:	\$10,403
TOTAL	\$573,819

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Colin Kenny (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Norman K. Atkins (Progressive Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Atkins, Banks, Campbell, Day, Forrestell, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Kenny, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Meighen, Poulin and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Jaffer, Moore, Ringuette and Zimmer

Committee Clerks:

Jodi Turner and Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Steven James, Jason Yung and Melissa Radford (Library of Parliament)
Lucy Laflamme and Alana Blouin (Administrative Assistants)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Colin Kenny (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Atkins, Banks, Day, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Kenny, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Meighen, Moore, Nancy Ruth, Tkachuk and Zimmer

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Comeau, Di Nino, Gustafson, Massicotte, Mitchell, Munson, Nolin, Peterson, Segal and Stollery

Committee Clerks:

Gaëtane Lemay and Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Steven James, Jason Yung, Melissa Radford and Maureen Shields (Library of Parliament)
Anita Vinette and Allison Button (Administrative Assistants)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

A. General Information

During this Parliament, the subcommittee continued its study on veterans' services and benefits, commemorative activities and the Veterans Charter. The subcommittee is empowered to examine the services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces, veterans of war and peacekeeping missions and members of their families in recognition of their services to Canada. The subcommittee also examines the issues of sustainability in commemorative activities undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs to keep alive for all Canadians, the memory of veterans' achievements and sacrifices.

In April 2007, some members of the subcommittee attended the ceremonies and events marking the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, France. In June 2007, after a series of hearings, the subcommittee adopted a report on a controversial display relating to the allied strategic bombing campaign in Europe during the Second World War, at the Canadian War Museum.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs' reports to the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2007-08	12	12.8	36.0	22
2006-07	8	8.4	6.9	22
2005-06	1	1.0	-	-
2004-05	5	4.3	3.0	9
2003-04	11	11.1	-	19

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$28,898
Witness Expenses:	1,295
TOTAL	\$30,193

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Norman K. Atkins (Progressive Conservative)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Atkins, Day, Forrestall, Kenny and Meighen

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dallaire, Moore and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Jim Cox (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Bédard (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael Meighen (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph Day (Liberal)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Banks, Day, Kenny, Meighen and Nancy Ruth

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dallaire and Downe

Committee Clerks:

Gaétane Lemay and Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jim Cox (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette and Allison Button (Administrative Assistants)

Standing Committee on Official Languages

A. General Information

In October 2002, at the start of the 2nd Session of the 37th Parliament, the Senate dissociated itself from the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages and struck its own Standing Committee on Official Languages.

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the committee examined a number of issues related to the application of the *Official Languages Act*. In particular, the committee:

- a) conducted a study on the status of Francophone culture in Canada that sought to provide an objective and comprehensive description of the status of Francophone culture in Canada, and specifically in Francophone minority communities.
- b) undertook a study of the implementation of Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*, as amended by Bill S-3. In particular, the study examined the measures taken by federal institutions in that regard since Bill S-3 was passed in November 2005. The committee heard from departments that have specific responsibilities in respect of the implementation of Part VII (e.g., Canadian Heritage, Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada and Justice Canada), the Commissioner of Official Languages, representatives of official language minority communities, and a number of federal institutions and reported in June 2008.
- c) has heard testimony from Air Canada representatives about the on-going challenge of fulfilling its linguistic obligations.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Sixth	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2007-05-03	-	Budget
Seventh	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2007-05-08	-	Possible leak of the 5th report of the committee entitled: <i>Reflecting Canada's Linguistic Duality at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games: A Golden Opportunity</i>
Eighth	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2007-05-17	8	Interim report entitled <i>Relocation of Head Offices of Federal Institutions: Respect for Language Rights</i>

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Ninth	Study on the francophone culture in Canada	2007-06-20	-	Budget
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Application of the Official Languages Act	2008-02-07	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	18	25.2	-	40	6
2006-07	25	44.6	-	99	5
2005-06	6	15.7	40.7	7	2
2004-05	14	29.8	-	72	4
2003-04	22	44.5	-	95	9

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$7,543
Witness Expenses:	\$7,734
TOTAL	\$15,277

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Maria Chaput (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Chaput, Comeau, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Jaffer, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, Plamondon, Robichaud, P.C., Tardif and Trenholme Counsell

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Keon

Committee Clerk:

Josée Therien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Élise Hurtubise-Loranger and Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Maria Chaput (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Chaput, Comeau, De Bané, P.C., Goldstein, Harb, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, Murray, P.C., and Tardif

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Dallaire, Keon, Poulin and Ringuette

Committee Clerk:

Éric Jacques

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Élise Hurtubise-Loranger and Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 1968, a Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders was established following a report by the Special Committee on the *Rules of the Senate*, which had been appointed to examine the Rules and to recommend improvements. This committee was replaced in June 1991 by the Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders, which assumed the function of examining the orders, customs and privileges of the Senate, a function previously performed by the Committee on Privileges which was a committee of all the senators present during the session. In September of 2001, the committee adopted its current name to better reflect its mandate and responsibilities.

In 2007-08, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament submitted two substantive reports; one on the reintroduction of bills and one on questions of privilege. These reports were initially presented during the 1st Session of the 39th Parliament and were resubmitted in the following session.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Fourth	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2007-04-18	-	The process for raising questions of privilege
Fifth	The use of Aboriginal languages in the Senate Chamber	2007-05-03	-	Budget
Sixth	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2007-06-06	-	The issue of the reinstatement of bills
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-14	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2007-11-20	-	Reinstatement of bills from the previous session
Third	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2007-11-20	-	The process for raising questions of privilege
Fourth	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2007-12-06	-	Budget, fact finding mission, use of aboriginal languages

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	8	9.7	36.0	7	7
2006-07	10	11.4	-	12	3
2005-06	22	27.8	-	9	5
2004-05	20	30.8	-	1	2
2003-04	41	64.7	-	49	8

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$30,622
Witness Expenses:	NIL
TOTAL	\$30,622

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**1st Session, 39th Parliament**

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Keon (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David P. Smith, P.C. (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Bryden, Carstairs, P.C., Cools, Corbin, Cordy, Di Nino, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, McCoy, Mitchell, Robichaud, P.C., Smith, P.C., Stratton and Tardif

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Fraser, Hays, P.C., and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jamie Robertson and Michel Bédard (Library of Parliament)

Yolande Beaubien (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Keon (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David P. Smith, P.C. (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Brown, Champagne, P.C., Corbin, Cordy, Fraser, Furey, Grafstein, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Joyal, P.C., Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, McCoy, Robichaud, P.C., and Smith, P.C.

Other Senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Watt

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jamie Robertson and Michel Bédard (Library of Parliament)

Yolande Beaubien (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee of Selection

A. General Information

At the commencement of each session, a Committee of Selection is appointed to undertake two functions: the nomination of a Speaker *pro tempore* and the nomination of senators to serve on select committees.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 85(1)(a) and 85(2)	2007-10-23	-	Nomination of the Honourable Senator Losier-Cool as Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>
Second	Rule 85(1)(b)	2007-10-23	-	List of senators nominated to serve on committees
Third	Rule 85(1)(b)	2007-11-14	-	List of senators nominated to serve on the Special Senate Committee on Aging

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	2	0.4		3
2006-07	5	0.8		5
2005-06	-	-	-	-
2004-05	2	0.6		3
2003-04	2	0.2	-	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures: NIL
 Witness Expenses: NIL

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Cook (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Senate):

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C, Bacon, Carstairs, P.C., Champagne, P.C., Cook, Fairbairn, P.C., *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Oliver, Stratton and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of October 16, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Hugh Segal (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator James Cowan (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Senate):

The Honourable Senators Bacon, Carstairs, P.C., Cowan, Fairbairn, P.C., Fraser, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Nancy Ruth, Segal, Stratton and Tkachuk

Other Senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A. General Information

In 2007-2008, the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology received from the Senate four orders of reference for special studies: current social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities; the social determinants of health; early learning and child care; and science and technology policy. In addition, six bills were referred to the committee: Bill C-252, An Act to amend the Divorce Act (access for spouse who is terminally ill or in critical condition); Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (luring a child); Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption); Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act; Bill S-220, An Act respecting National Blood Donor Week; Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (Lost Canadians); and Bill S-204, an Act respecting National Philanthropy Day.

Since the subjects of poverty, housing and homelessness were relevant to the studies of both subcommittees created by the committee, the full committee met to hear witnesses on these subjects. In January the committee examined issues relating to the federal government's new Science and Technology (S&T) Strategy - *Mobilizing Science and Technology to Canada's Advantage*, holding hearings with the Minister of Industry and eight major players. The committee also held a total of six hearings on early learning and child care.

During 2007-2008, the committee completed two special study reports, both prepared by the Subcommittee on Population Health.

At the beginning of the Second Session, the committee again chose to create two subcommittees to carry out the studies on cities and population health.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Thirteenth	Health of Canada's population - the social determinants of health	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Fourteenth	Current social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Fifteenth	Study on literacy	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Sixteenth	Study on child care	2007-05-08	-	Budget
Seventeenth	Bill C-252 (Divorce Act - access for spouse who is terminally ill or in critical condition)	2007-05-10	4	Bill reported without amendment

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Eighteenth	Bill C-277 (Criminal Code - luring a child)	2007-05-31	2	Bill reported without amendment
Nineteenth	Bill C-42 (Quarantine Act)	2007-06-21	3	Bill reported without amendment
Twentieth	Bill C-14 (Citizenship Act – adoption)	2007-06-21	4	Bill reported without amendment
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Bill S-220 (National Blood Donor Week)	2007-11-29	-	Bill reported without amendment
Third	Population health policy	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Fourth	Canada's largest cities	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Fifth	The state of early learning and child care in Canada	2008-02-07	-	Budget
Sixth	Federal government's new Science and Technology (S&T) Strategy	2008-02-07	-	Budget
Seventh	Population health policy	2008-02-26	12	Interim Report entitled: <i>Population Health Policy: International Perspectives</i>
Eighth	Population health policy	2008-02-26	-	Interim Report entitled: <i>Maternal Health and Early Childhood Development in Cuba</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	27	47.5	-	93	16
2006-07	30	48.8	-	127	12
2005-06	41	105.9	11.2	256	6
2004-05	29	52.5	-	120	12
2003-04	31	66.4	12.4	201	12

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$17,355
Witness Expenses:	\$9,036
TOTAL	\$26,391

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Joseph Keon (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cochrane, Cook, Cordy, Eggleton, P.C., Fairbairn, P.C., Forrestall, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Keon, Kirby, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Pépin and Trenholme Counsell

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Munson and Nancy Ruth

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian O'Neal and Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)
Louise Pronovost (until August 2007) and Tracy Amendola (since September 2007) (Administrative Assistants)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Joseph Keon (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Brown, Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cochrane, Cook, Cordy, Eggleton, P.C., Fairbairn, P.C., *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Munson, Pépin and Trenholme Counsell

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg and Eleanor Fast (Library of Parliament)
Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Cities

A. General Information

In February 2007, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology formed a Subcommittee on Cities to examine current social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities. The subcommittee was authorized to examine: poverty, housing and homelessness, social infrastructure, social cohesion, immigrant settlement, crime, transportation, and the role of the largest cities in Canada's economic development. The study is national in scope, with a focus on the largest urban community in each of the provinces.

The subcommittee began its study in March 2007 with an introductory meeting and then decided to concentrate on the issues of poverty, housing and homelessness. Most of the hearings on these subjects were organized through the main committee.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

The Subcommittee on Cities reports to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses
2007-08	3	0.8	- **
2006-07	2	1.6	6

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$22,846
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$17,770</u>
TOTAL	\$40,616

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

** Most of the testimony on this order of reference was received in the main committee (59 witnesses).

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Cordy, Eggleton, P.C., Munson, Nancy Ruth and
Trenholme Counsell

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian O'Neal and Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament)

Louise Pronovost (until August 2007) and Tracy Amendola (since September 2007) (Administrative
Assistants)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 21, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Cordy, Eggleton, P.C., Keon, Munson and Trenholme
Counsell

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian O'Neal and Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Population Health

A. General Information

In February 2007, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology formed a Subcommittee on Population Health to examine and report on the impact of the multiple factors and conditions that contribute to the health of Canada's population – known collectively as the determinants of health. A central element of this study is to identify the actions that must be undertaken by the federal government to implement population health strategies.

In 2007-2008, the subcommittee continued with the first phase of its study, holding hearings with a number of groups as well as a roundtable with aboriginal leaders. In fall 2007, the subcommittee continued its work through videoconference hearings with witnesses from Sweden and the United Kingdom, as well as hearings in Ottawa. A fact-finding visit to Cuba to examine maternal health and child care programs took place in early 2008. By the end of the fiscal year, the subcommittee had finished phase one of the study.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

The Subcommittee on Population Health reports to the Standing Committee Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2007-08	18	29.7	62.9	56 **
2006-07	5	7.3	-	12

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$112,099
Witness Expenses:	\$41,518
TOTAL	\$153,617

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** In addition, testimony on this order of reference was received from 59 witnesses in the main committee.

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Keon (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Pépin (Liberal)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Cochrane, Cook, Fairbairn, P.C., Keon and Pépin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Eggleton, P.C., Gustafson, Nancy Ruth and Trenholme Counsell

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michael Toye and Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Louise Pronovost (until August 2007) and Tracy Amendola (since September 2007) (Administrative Assistants)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 21, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Keon (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Pépin (Liberal)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Brown, Callbeck, Cochrane, Cook, Fairbairn, P.C., Keon and Pépin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Eggleton, P.C., Munson and Segal

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michael Toye and Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. General Information

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Transport and Communications Committee continued its examination of containerized freight traffic in Canada's ports. In addition to the port of Vancouver, which was visited during fiscal year 2006-2007, the committee also visited the ports of Halifax, Montreal and Prince Rupert. One of the goals of the committee was to find ways to allow Canada's containerized freight transportation system to become more competitive and to attract a greater share of the North American container traffic.

The committee also tabled the results of its study on the Canadian Television Fund (CTF), in a report entitled: *The Challenges Ahead for the Canadian Television Fund*. With this report, the committee made recommendations to guarantee the viability of Canadian programming as well as assuring stable support for Canadian television programs developed by independent producers and broadcast on Canadian channels.

The committee considered twice a user fee proposal concerning new fees for services provided by Industry Canada relating to telecommunications and radio apparatus. The committee supported the philosophy behind the proposal, namely that the radio spectrum is a valuable asset that should be well-managed for the benefit of all Canadians; however, it did have several concerns with the proposals which are included in its observations contained in the third report of the committee during the Second Session of the Thirty-Ninth Parliament. In summary, the proposed fee was an attempt to use the price system for the efficient allocation of a scarce resource.

In addition to these special studies, during this fiscal year the committee also dealt with three bills:

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- Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and the Railway Safety Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and
- Bill C-59, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (unauthorized recording of a movie)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

- Bill C-8, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act (railway transportation)

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Ninth	Objectives, operation and governance of the Canadian Television Fund	2007-05-10	3	Final report entitled <i>The challenges ahead for the Canadian Television Fund</i>

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament (cont'd)				
Tenth	Bill C-11 (Canada Transportation Act and the Railway Safety Act)	2007-05-17	23	Bill reported with 2 amendments and observations
Eleventh	User fees proposal for a spectrum licence fee for broadband public safety communications	2007-06-13	4	Review
Twelfth	Study on containerized freight traffic	2007-06-20	-	Supplementary Budget
Thirteenth	Bill C-59 (Criminal Code -unauthorized recording of a movie)	2007-06-21	3	Bill reported without amendment
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-13	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	The containerized freight traffic handled by Canada's ports	2007-12-06	-	Budget
Third	User Fees Proposal for a spectrum licence fee for broadband	2008-02-07	3	Committee appends to this report certain observations relating to the proposal
Fourth	Bill C-8 (Canada Transportation Act - railway transportation)	2008-02-14	3	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	30	43.1	15.1	101	9
2006-07	35	51.6	7.0	88	8
2005-06	36	76.4	-	110	3
2004-05	40	84.3	13.1	174	8
2003-04	35	69.5	-	104	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$102,676
Witness Expenses:	\$1,239
TOTAL	\$103,915

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lise Bacon (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Adams, Bacon, Carney, P.C., Dawson, Eyton, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mercer, Merchant, Munson, Phalen, Tkachuk and Zimmer

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, Di Nino, Fairbairn, P.C., Fox, P.C., Milne, Peterson and Segal

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Terrence Thomas and Allison Padova (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lise Bacon (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Oliver (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Adams, Bacon, Dawson, Eyton, Fox, P.C., *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mercer, Merchant, Oliver, Phalen, Tkachuk and Zimmer

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Cowan and Massicotte

Committee Clerk:
Denis Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Terrence Thomas, John Christopher and Allison Padova (Library of Parliament)
Sylvie Simard (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

A. General Information

The Joint Committee's mandate is to assist the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in directing the Library of Parliament and to make recommendations regarding the operation of the Library and the proper expenditure of monies voted by Parliament for the purchase of books, maps and other articles. The Library is also responsible for the guide program and tours of Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Permanent	2007-12-04	-	Quorum be fixed at six members

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	3	1.7	2	1
2006-07	2	0.2	-	1
2005-06	3	1.7	3	1
2004-05	2	1.6	5	1
2003-04	10	9.1	24	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	NIL

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Co-Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marilyn Trenholme Counsell (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Johnson, Lapointe, Oliver, Poy and Trenholme Counsell

Joint Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Administrative Support:

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Co-Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marilyn Trenholme Counsell (Liberal)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Lapointe, Murray, P.C., Oliver, Rompkey, P.C., and Trenholme Counsell

Joint Committee Clerk:

Denis Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Kristen Douglas and Tim Williams (Library of Parliament)

Sylvie Simard (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations

A. General Information

The joint committee's mandate is defined by the *Statutory Instruments Act*, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after January 1, 1972. In addition to its statutory order of reference, the Senate and the House of Commons have, since 1980, renewed an order of reference at the beginning of each session authorizing the joint committee to study the means by which Parliament can better oversee and control the government regulatory process. Taken together, the statutory and sessional references of the committee provide it with a broad jurisdiction to enquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the fiscal year from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, seven meetings were held. While the committee rarely calls witnesses, it felt it necessary to do so in this year. Four witnesses from three different organizations were called with respect to the issue of the marketing of agricultural products.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Review of Statutory Instruments	2007-11-15	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Review of Statutory Instruments	2007-12-12	-	Incorporation by Reference

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	12	14.9	4	2
2006-07	12	16.4	10	5
2005-06	9	10.9	5	1
2004-05	9	10.3	4	2
2003-04	12	13.1	11	4

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$1,483
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$1,483

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator John Trevor Eyton (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Biron, Bryden, De Bané, P.C., Eyton, Harb, Moore, Nolin and St. Germain, P.C.

Joint Senate Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Administrative Support:

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator John Trevor Eyton (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Biron, Bryden, Cook, Eyton, Harb, Moore, Nolin and St. Germain, P.C.

Joint Senate Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Administrative Support:

Nicole Raymond (until January 2008) and Lucy Laflamme (since February 2008) (Administrative Assistants)

Special Senate Committee on Aging

A. General Information

On November 7, 2006, the Senate adopted a motion to create a special committee to examine the implications of an aging society in Canada. The committee received a mandate to review public programs and services for seniors, the gaps that exist in meeting the needs of seniors, and the implications for future service delivery as the population ages.

In considering the appropriate role of the federal government helping Canadians age well, the committee was given a mandate to examine the issue of aging in relation to, but not limited to:

- o promoting active living and well being;
- o housing and transportation needs;
- o financial security and retirement;
- o abuse and neglect;
- o health promotion and prevention; and
- o health care needs, including chronic diseases, medication use, mental health, palliative care, home care and caregiving.

As part of its work, the committee was also asked to review strategies on aging implemented in other countries and Canada's role and obligations in light of the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

The committee completed phase one, a brief overview of key issues to identify key questions, and tabled an interim report, *Embracing The Challenge Of Aging*, in March 2007.

In the spring of 2007, the committee began to hear witnesses for phase two, gathering testimony on topics including demographics; labour issues; the Aboriginal experience; the international experience; caregiving; palliative care; finance and pensions; and competency. The committee released its second interim report, *Issues and Options for an Aging Population*, in March 2008.

In the final phase of its study, the committee held roundtable hearings with expert witnesses and travelled throughout Canada to hear from Canadians on the issues and options presented in the second interim report, with the aim of developing final recommendations. The committee was expected to report its findings by September 30, 2008, when Parliament was dissolved.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
1st Session, 39th Parliament				
Third	The implications of an aging society in Canada	2007-05-08	-	Budget

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-21	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Implications of an aging society in Canada	2007-12-11	-	Budget
Third	Implications of an aging society in Canada	2008-03-11	42	Interim report entitled: <i>Issues and Options for an Aging Society</i>

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	14	30.5	80	4
2006-07	9	17.9	43	2

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$40,674
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$11,683</u>
TOTAL	\$52,357

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sharon Carstairs, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Keon (Conservative)

Original Members agreed to by Motion of the Senate:

The Honourable Senators Carstairs, P.C., Chaput, Cordy, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif), Johnson, Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mercer and Murray, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julie Cool and Michael Toye (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 14, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sharon Carstairs, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Keon (Conservative)

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Carstairs, P.C., Chaput, Cools, Cordy, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif),
Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mercer and Nolin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julie Cool and Michael Toye (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism

A. General Information

In October 2001, in direct response to the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and at the request of the United Nations, the Canadian government introduced Bill C-36, the Anti-terrorism Act. Given the urgency of the situation then, Parliament was asked to expedite its study of the legislation, and the bill received Royal Assent in December 2001.

However, concerns were expressed that it was difficult to thoroughly assess the potential impact of this legislation in such a short period of time. For that reason, it was agreed that, three years later, Parliament would be asked to examine the provisions of the Act and its impact on Canadians with the benefit of hindsight. On December 13, 2004, the Senate established the Special Senate Committee on the *Anti-terrorism Act* to fulfill its legislative obligations in that regard.

In the 2006-07 fiscal year, the special committee completed much of its work, tabling two reports: The Main Report of the committee, entitled *Fundamental Justice in Extraordinary Times*, was tabled on February 22, 2007, and a follow-up report tabled on March 28, 2007, provided additional commentary of the issue of security certificates given a Supreme Court of Canada ruling handed down on February 23, 2007. In light of the Supreme Court ruling, and the committee's recommendations, the mandate of the committee was extended into the 2007-08 fiscal year, and again re-established in the 2nd session of the 39th parliament under the new name of the Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism.

In this fiscal year, the committee examined two bills: Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (certificate and special advocate) and to make a consequential amendment to another act; and Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (investigative hearing and recognizance with conditions). The committee completed its consideration and reported on both bills within the fiscal year. However, as a result of the previous year's Supreme Court decision, and the short time which was therefore available for the committee to consider Bill C-3, a more comprehensive examination of the security certificate process was undertaken.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2007-2008 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
2nd Session, 39th Parliament				
First	Rule 104	2007-11-28	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Bill C-3 (Immigration and Refugee Protection Act - certificate and special advocate)	2008-02-12	24	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Third	Bill S-3 (Criminal Code - investigative hearing and recognizance with conditions)	2008-03-04	17	Bill reported with two amendments

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2004-2008) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2007-08	10	25.6		52	4
2006-07	14	28.3	-	9	4
2005-06	33	62.4	30.0	105	1
2004-05	14	28.1	-	--	26

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007-2008

(For more details see Part III of this Report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$3,714
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$7,893</u>
TOTAL	\$11,607

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

1st Session, 39th Parliament

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Smith, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative)

Original Members agreed to by Motion of the Senate:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Day, Fairbairn, P.C., Fraser, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (or Tardif) Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Nolin and Smith, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Wade Riordan Raaflaub (Library of Parliament)
 Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

2nd Session, 39th Parliament

(as of November 1, 2007)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Smith, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative)

Original Members agreed to by Motion of the Senate:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Day, Fairbairn, P.C., Fraser, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C (or Tardif), Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Nolin and Smith, P.C.

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Johnson, Oliver, Segal, Stratton and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Laura Barnett and Jennifer Bird (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2007-2008

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example to engage the services of counsel and clerical help and to travel if so authorized by the Senate. Certain expenditures such as videoconferencing and travel expenses for witnesses are changed to a centralized budget. The budget process is described in the *Senate Administrative Rules (Chapter 3:06)*.

Meetings and Expenditures, 2004-2008

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses Pursuant to Rule 104 (B)	Total Expenditures (A+B)
2007-08	444	\$1,520,093	\$218,474	\$1,738,567
2006-07	541	\$1,888,324	\$220,022	\$2,108,346
2005-06	396	\$2,044,549	\$193,765	\$2,238,314
2004-05	408	\$1,179,869	\$144,531	\$1,324,400
2003-04	445	\$874,098	\$269,262	\$1,143,360

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides a detailed account of each committee's budget and actual expenditures according to three standard categories.

- ◆ **Committee Trips** (including expenses when on travel status, such as hotels, airfare, interpretation, reporting, transcribing, meeting rooms and working meals);
- ◆ **Professional Services** (analyst assistance, expert advisors, legal services and working meals in Ottawa);
- ◆ **Miscellaneous** (courier services, books and newspapers, and telecommunications).

Detailed Committee Expenditures Report for 2007-2008 by Budget Category

Name of Committee <i>Session 39-1</i>	Total Budget	Budget	Committee Trips	Prof. Services	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Expenditures % of Budget
Aboriginal People	10,800						
Legislation		8,800		1,090		1,090	12%
Study on Drinkable Water		2,000		578		578	29%
Aging (Special)	96,050	96,050	7,003	15,768		22,771	24%
Agriculture and Forestry	473,249						
Legislation		6,500				-	0%
Study on Present and Future State		9,050			54	54	1%
Study on Rural Poverty in Canada		457,699	78,388	3,248		81,636	18%
Anti-terrorism (Special)	2,500	2,500		1,371		1,371	55%
Banking, Trade and Commerce	418,205						
Legislation		30,000		312	5,800	6,112	20%
Study on Interprovincial Barriers		278,880				-	0%
Study on Financial System		109,325	11,813	4,584		16,397	15%
Conflict of Interest for Senators	53,000	53,000		139		139	0%
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	27,000						
Legislation		14,000		2,383		2,383	17%
Study on Emerging Issues		3,000		479		479	16%
Study on the Protection Act		10,000				-	0%
Fisheries and Oceans	118,884						
Legislation		4,600					
Study on Government Policy Framework		114,284		1,296		1,296	1%
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	113,500						
Legislation		4,500		937		937	21%
Study on Issues Relating to Africa		6,500				-	0%
Study on General Issues		92,000	4,365			4,365	5%
Study on Lebanon Evacuation		5,500		738		738	13%
Study on Softwood Lumber		5,000		578		578	12%
Human Rights	165,909						
Legislation		7,000		1,467		1,467	21%
Study on the Federal Public Service		3,300		239		239	7%
Study on Human Rights Obligations		152,809		239		239	0%
Study on the Indian and Northern Affairs		2,800		308		308	11%

Name of Committee <i>Session 39-1</i>	Total Budget	Budget	Committee Trips	Prof. Services	Miscellane ous	Total Expenditures	Expenditures % of Budget
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	5,000	5,000		758		758	15%
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	76,110						
Legislation		74,110		4,389		4,389	6%
Study on Aboriginals		2,000					
National Finance	75,000						
Legislation		62,800		2,480		2,480	4%
Study of Fiscal Balance		12,200		723		723	6%
National Security and Defence	957,360						
Study of the National Security Policy		957,360	153,280	61,432	14,946	229,658	24%
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	44,920						
Study on Services and Benefits		44,920	25,709	930		26,639	59%
Official Languages	211,080						
Study on Francophone Culture		62,980		327		327	1%
Study of the Official Languages Act		148,100	796	1,828		2,624	2%
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	128,851						
Legislation		19,500		1,830		1,830	9%
Study on Aboriginal Languages		109,351				-	
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	5,490	5,490		165	643	808	15%
Social Affairs Science and Technology	10,050						
Legislation		7,250		492		492	7%
Study on Child Care		2,100		622		622	30%
Study on Literacy		700				-	0%
Subcommittee on Cities	172,653	172,653	17,668	2,713		20,381	12%
Subcommittee on Population Health	169,200	169,200	32,294	9,681	79	42,054	25%
Transport and Communication	196,964						
Legislation		12,000		4,126		4,126	34%
Study on Containerized Traffic		181,464	18,090	148	110	18,348	13%
Study on Television Fund		3,500		148		148	4%
TOTAL 39-1	\$3,531,775	\$3,531,775	\$ 349,406	\$ 128,546	\$ 21,632	\$ 499,585	14%

Detailed Committee Expenditures Report for 2007-2008 by Budget Category

Name of Committee <i>Session 39-2</i>	Total Budget	Budget	Committee Trips	Prof. Services	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Expenditures % of Budget
Aboriginal People	176,650						
Legislation		7,700		2,008		2,008	26%
Study on General Matters		168,950	58,110	10,000	28	68,138	40%
Aging (Special)	61,475	61,475		17,904		17,904	29%
Agriculture and Forestry	331,431						
Legislation		4,250				-	0%
Study on Present and Future State		9,050		521		521	6%
Study on Rural Poverty in Canada		318,131	203,682	4,512		208,194	65%
Anti-terrorism (Special)	6,000	6,000		2,343		2,343	39%
Banking, Trade and Commerce	475,155						
Legislation		42,000		9,665		9,665	23%
Study on Interprovincial Barriers		308,830	8,348	890		9,238	3%
Study on Financial System		124,325	215	8,972		9,187	7%
Conflict of Interest for Senators	53,000	53,000		575		575	1%
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	79,643						
Legislation		10,000		1,150		1,150	12%
Study on Emerging Issues		64,643	20,380	1,139		21,519	33%
Study on the Protection Act		5,000		762		762	15%
Fisheries and Oceans	7,500						
Study on Government Policy Framework		7,500		3,182	408	3,590	48%
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	78,000						
Legislation		7,750		1,075		1,075	14%
Study on General Issues		70,250	15,831	1,254	454	17,539	25%
Human Rights	187,650						
Legislation		4,500		419		419	9%
Study on Rights and Freedom of Children		3,200				-	0%
Study on the Federal Public Service		5,700		1,410		1,410	25%
Study on Human Rights Obligations		171,050	93,179	836	28	94,043	55%
Study of Matrimonial Issues		3,200				-	0%
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	5,000	5,000		1,340		1,340	27%
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	52,570						0%
Legislation		51,070		7,950		7,950	16%
Study on Canada Election Act		1,500		1,083		1,083	72%
National Finance	57,980						
Legislation		57,980		1,975		1,975	3%

Name of Committee <i>Session 39-2</i>	Total Budget	Budget	Committee Trips	Prof. Services	Misc.	Total Expenditures	Expenditures % of Budget
National Security and Defence	474,808						
Study of the National Security Policy		474,808	247,468	84,130	2,160	333,758	70%
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	50,590	50,590		2,259		2,259	4%
Official Languages	140,720						
Study of the Official Languages Act		140,720	855	3,737		4,592	3%
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	71,854						
Legislation		9,750				-	0 %
Study on Aboriginal Languages		62,104	28,792			28,792	46 %
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	5,490	5,490		167	509	676	12%
Social Affairs Science and Technology	31,200						
Legislation		7,000				-	0%
Study on Child Care		21,200		15,518		15,518	73%
Study on Strategy		3,000		723		723	24%
Subcommittee on Cities	40,000	40,000		2,350	116	2,465	6%
Subcommittee on Population Health	181,820	181,820	37,688	32,356		70,044	39%
Transport and Communication	156,264						
Legislation		20,000				-	0 %
Study on Containerized Traffic		136,264	76,144	1,709	2,200	80,053	59%
TOTAL 39-2	\$ 2, 724,800	\$ 2, 724,800	\$ 790,692	\$ 223,914	\$ 5,903	\$1,020,508	37%

Witness Expense Breakdown for 2007-2008

39-1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITY	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	6,109	
Legislation		1,728
Study on Drinking Water		4,381
Aging (Special)	9,614	9,614
Agriculture and Forestry	12,424	
Study on Rural Poverty in Canada		12,424
Anti-terrorism (Special)	1,696	1,696
Banking, Trade and Commerce	1,534	
Legislation		927
Study on Interprovincial Barriers		318
Study on Financial System		289
Fisheries and Oceans	1,855	
Study on Policy Framework		1,855
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	3,817	
Legislation		1,445
Study on Softwood Lumber		2,372
Human Rights	5,789	
Legislation		1,709
Study on Rights Obligations		596
Study on the Indian & Northern Affairs		3,484
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	-	
Legislation	5,810	5,810
National Finance	14,487	
Legislation		8,497
Study of Fiscal Balance		5,990
National Security and Defence	7,794	
Study of the National Security Policy		7,794
Subcommittee on Veterans	874	874
Official Languages	4,539	
Study on Francophone Culture		2,403
Study of the Official Languages Act		2,136
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	7,284	
Legislation		1,107
Study on Child Care		5,223
Study on Literacy		954
Subcommittee on Cities	10,553	10,553
Subcommittee on Population Health	26,560	26,560
Transport and Communications	1,239	
Legislation		755
Study on Containerized Traffic		484
TOTAL	\$121,978	\$121,978

Witness Expense Breakdown for 2007-2008

39-2 COMMITTEE ACTIVITY	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aging (Special)	7,003	7,003
Agriculture and Forestry	8,732	
Study on Present and Future State		4,524
Study on Rural Poverty in Canada		4,208
Anti-terrorism (Special)	6,532	6,532
Banking, Trade and Commerce	3,793	
Study on Financial Systems		3,793
Fisheries and Oceans	1,447	
Study on Policy Framework		1,447
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	5,077	
Legislation		2,208
Study on General Issues		2,869
Human Rights	4,374	
Study of the Federal Public Service		3,724
Study of Human Rights & Obligations		650
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	23,710	
Legislation		19,645
Study on Canada Election Act		4,065
National Finance	1,822	
Legislation		1,012
Estimates		810
National Security and Defence	2,609	
Study of the National Security Policy		2,609
Subcommittee on Veterans	421	421
Official Languages	3,195	
Study of the Official Languages Act		3,195
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	3,854	3,854
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	1,752	
Study on Child Care		1,752
Subcommittee on Cities	7,217	7,217
Subcommittee on Population Health	14,958	14,958
TOTAL 39-2	\$ 96,496	\$ 96,496
TOTAL 39-1 and 39-2	\$218,474	\$218,474