IN THE

House of Commons



NOVEMBER 28TH · THE GENTLEMEN, LEO CAVINDER, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING JOINT RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION; WHICH WAS HELD AT THE DESK.

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Joint RESOLUTION

to

establish and ratify the first Constitution of the House of Commons.

TABLE OF PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. RESOLVED.

E IT ENACTED by this House of Commons, in this present, assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1 Resolved, that the House of Commons do hereby ratify
- 2 the following constitution as the Constitution of the
- 3 House of Commons:
- 4 "We, the People of the House of Commons, grateful to the
- 5 Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly
- 6 desiring to secure theses blessing undiminished to
- 7 ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this
- 8 constitution.

9 ARTICLE I. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

- 10 § 1. Equal protections.
- No person shall be denied the equal protection of the
- laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his
- civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the
- 14 exercise thereof because of religion, race, color, national
- origin, and sexual orientation.
- 16 § 2. Ex post facto laws.
- 17 No bill of ex post facto law shall be enacted.
- 18 <u>§ 3. Power.</u>
- 19 All power is inherent in the people. Government is
- 20 instituted for their equal benefit, security, and protection.
- 21 <u>§ 4. Assemble.</u>
- 22 The people have the right to peacefully assemble, to
- 23 consult for the common good, and to petition the
- 24 government for redress of grievances.
- 25 § 5. Speech and press.
- 26 Every person may freely speak, write, express, and
- 27 publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the

- abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to
- 29 restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.
- 30 <u>§ 6. Slavery.</u>
- 31 Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude unless for the
- 32 punishment of a crime, shall ever be tolerated in the
- 33 House.
- 34 § 7. Searches and seizures.
- 35 The persons, papers, possession, electronic data, and
- 36 electronic communications of every person shall be secure
- 37 from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to
- search any place or to seize any person or things or to
- 39 access electronic data or electronic communications shall
- 40 issue without describing them, nor without probable
- 41 cause, supported by oath or affirmation. The provisions of
- 42 this section shall not be construed to bar from evidence in
- 43 any criminal proceeding any narcotic drug, firearm, bomb,
- 44 explosive or any other dangerous weapon, seized by a
- 45 peace officer outside the curtilage of any dwelling house in
- 46 this House.
- 47 § 8. Punishment.
- 48 Excessive fines shall not be imposed; cruel or unusual
- 49 punishment shall not be inflected; nor shall witnesses be
- 50 unreasonably detained.
- § 9. Rights of the accused.
- No person shall be compelled in any case to be a witness
- against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, of
- 54 property, without due process of law. The right of all
- 55 individuals to fair and just treatments in the course of
- 56 investigation or hearings shall not be infringed. Any
- 57 punishment shall provide for the right to an appeal
- 58 within a time to be set by the House. Any appeal shall
- 59 permit evidence to compel his case and such decision shall
- 60 be made by a non-bias person.

61 **ARTICLE II. DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP.**

- 62 All Members, who live in the House, are members of the
- 63 House of Commons and shall represent themselves and
- 64 their interests in all matters pertaining to the House.

65 ARTICLE III. THE LEGISLATIVE.

- 66 <u>§ 1. Purpose.</u>
- 67 The House is the repository of Member's voices,
- 68 perspectives, and concerns. As such the House will serve
- 69 as the policymaking authority within the House. The
- 70 House shall direct the Speaker and other Agencies on the
- 71 enforcement and implementation of laws enacted by the
- 72 body.
- 73 § 2. Speaker.
- 74 On the First Sunday of January at noon in each year, the
- 75 House will elect from its own number a Speaker. The
- 76 Speaker is allowed to vote as a Member.
- 77 § 3. Committees.
- 78 The House will establish a system of standing
- 79 committees, each charged with a specific area of
- 80 legislation or parliamentary authority. The Speaker shall
- appoint one Member of each Committee to act as
- 82 chairperson, who will preside over and schedule
- 83 Committee meetings and serve as a liaison between the
- 84 Committee and Speaker. The House may establish other
- agencies to carry out its business.
- § 4. Impeachment.
- A Member may be impeached and removed from office for
- 88 just cause upon the passage of a resolution for
- 89 impeachment by a three-fourths majority of the House.
- 90 The House may provide for procedures for the removal of
- 91 a Member as necessary.
- 92 § 5. Publication of proceedings.
- 93 The House shall keep a journal of its proceedings and
- 94 shall publish the same, except such parts as, in the
- opinion of the House, require confidentiality. The yeas
- and nays on any question shall be taken and entered in
- 97 the journal. The House shall ensure that a complete copy

- of its journal of each session is expediently delivered into
- 99 the keeping of The Clerk of the House.
- 100 § 6. Passage of bills.
- No statute shall be enacted except by bill, and no bill that
- has not passed the House with the affirmative votes of a
- majority of all the Member duly chosen and seated shall
- become statute. Every bill so passed shall be signed by the
- 105 Clerk. A bill that is not passed, or a vetoed bill that is
- returned and not repassed, before the next House
- 107 convenes shall be deemed to have failed.
- 108 § 7. Speaker signature or veto.
- 109 Every bill passed by the House, before it may become
- statute, shall be presented to the Speaker for approval. If
- the Speaker approves, they shall sign it; if not, they shall
- veto it and return it, along with their objections, to the
- House, which shall enter the objections into its journal
- and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration
- three-fourths of the Member voting, including at least a
- 116 majority of the total number of Members duly chosen and
- seated, vote to pass the bill, it shall become statute. If a
- bill is neither signed nor vetoed by the Speaker within
- three calendar days after being presented to them, the bill
- shall become statute as if they had signed it on the fourth
- day. If a bill is vetoed after the final adjournment of the
- session of House at which it was passed, the bill shall be
- returned by the Speaker to the House on the first day that
- House is in session after such adjournment, in which case
- the House shall proceed in the same manner as with a bill
- vetoed before adjournment, even if the new session is of a
- 127 subsequent House session.
- 128 § 8. General authority.
- 129 The House shall have the power, by statute, to raise and
- to spend money for the welfare of the House; to express
- the opinion of the House; to call for action by persons or
- entities beyond the House on behalf of the House; to
- establish executive officers in addition to those
- established in this Constitution; to direct appropriate
- executive officers on the faithful execution of statutes and

- advocacy of policy positions; and to make all other
- statutes which shall be necessary and proper for carrying
- into execution all powers vested by this Constitution. No
- money shall be drawn from the treasury except in
- 140 consequence of appropriations made by statute, and a
- regular statement of receipts and expenditures shall be
- published from time to time.
- 143 § 9. Checks.
- 144 The House may, with a three-fourths majority vote in the
- House, strike down any declaration issued by the Speaker
- or another official of the House with the permissions in
- statue to issue said declaration.

148 ARTICLE IV. ADOPTION, SUPREMACY, AND

- 149 **AMENDMENT.**
- 150 § 1. Ratification.
- 151 This constitution will take effect as described in this
- article upon the adoption of this Constitution by three-
- 153 fourths vote of the House.
- 154 § 2. Amendment.
- 155 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a
- three-fourths vote of the House. Proposed amendments to
- the Constitution will become part of this Constitution if
- ratified by a majority of Members.
- 159 § 3. Supremacy.
- 160 This Constitution is the supreme authority for the
- 161 governance of the House. No statute or resolution may be
- in conflict with this constitution.

163 ARTICLE V. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

- 164 §1. Authority.
- 165 The Speaker shall take care that the statutes are
- faithfully executed and will have all powers necessary and
- proper to fulfill their duties and the mandates of the
- House. The Speaker will act as chief executive officer of
- the House, serve as spokesperson for the House, and
- 170 fulfill the requirements of that office as required. The

- 171 Speaker will also have the power to reach binding
- agreements with other organizations and individuals with
- 173 the consent of a majority vote of the House. The Speaker
- may each call the House into emergency session when
- 175 necessary.
- 176 <u>§ 2. Vacancy.</u>
- 177 Should the Speaker position become vacant, the Clerk of
- the House, shall become acting Speaker until the House
- votes for a new Speaker of the House.
- 180 § 3. Disqualification.
- 181 Any Member found guilty of a crime, with an outstanding
- fine or punishment, shall not be eligible to be Speaker of
- 183 the House."

Speaker of the House Assent