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No. 8851.

An Act to constitute a Joint Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Conservation of Energy Resources in Victoria and for other purposes.

[8th June, 1976.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Joint Select Committee (Conservation of Energy Resources) Act 1976*.

Joint Select Committee to be appointed.

2. (1) During the present session of Parliament and in any subsequent session of Parliament until the functions set out in section 3 have been carried out there shall be appointed a Joint Committee of the Council and the Assembly constituted as hereinafter provided.

(2) The Committee shall consist of eight members of whom three shall be members of and be appointed by the Legislative Council and five shall be members of and be appointed by the Legislative Assembly according to the practice of Parliament with reference to the appointment of members to serve on Joint Select Committees of the Council and the Assembly.

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(3) Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum but a quorum of the Committee shall not consist exclusively of members of the Legislative Assembly.

Quorum.

(4) The Committee may elect one of its members to be chairman and the chairman shall have a vote but not a casting vote.

Chairman.

(5) The provisions of Part VII. of the *Parliamentary Committees Act* 1968 shall apply to the Committee constituted under this Act as if it were a parliamentary committee within the meaning of the *Parliamentary Committees Act* 1968.

Application of
No. 7727
Part VII.

3. The functions of the Committee are—

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(a) to inquire into and make recommendations on the extent to which energy resources in Victoria should be conserved, whether generally or in relation to particular resources ;

(b) to inquire into and report on ways and means of implementing those recommendations and in particular in relation to recommendations for the beneficial use of energy resources, to inquire into and report on what variations are necessary or desirable in—

(i) building designs, techniques and standards ;

(ii) the use of insulation in buildings ;

(iii) vehicle and engine design ;

(iv) transport systems ;

(v) industrial and manufacturing processes
methods, standards and plant ;

(vi) methods of promotion of the use of energy ;

(vii) other significant uses of energy ;

(c) to inquire into and report on the costs of and benefits to be gained from implementing those recommendations ; and

(d) to recommend what additional measures and programmes should be taken to encourage a responsible use of those resources.

4. The Committee may send for persons papers and records and report the minutes of evidence from time to time.

Powers of the
Committee.

5. (1) The

Tenure and
sittings of
Committee

5. (1) The Committee shall hold office as such and may exercise all the powers conferred upon it by this Act or otherwise for the session during which it is appointed and thence until—

(a) the day before the commencement of a new session of Parliament ; or

(b) the expiry of the Assembly by effluxion of time ; or

(c) the dissolution of either House of Parliament—

whichever of such events first happens.

(2) The Committee may sit and transact business during any adjournment or recess in the period for which it holds office, but the Committee shall not sit during the sittings of either House of Parliament except by leave of such House.

(3) The Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.

(4) Where any matter is being inquired into or considered by the Committee and the Committee has lapsed or ceased to have legal existence before the matter has been reported on by the Committee, the evidence given and papers and records laid before the Committee shall nevertheless be considered by any subsequent committee which may inquire into or consider the same matter as if the evidence had been given and the papers and records laid before and for the information and guidance of the subsequent committee.

6. Save as is otherwise expressly provided in this Act the standing orders and the practice as to select committees and joint committees shall extend and apply to and with respect to the Committee.

Consequential
amendment
of No. 7727
s. 51A.

7. In section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act* 1968 after paragraph (g) in sub-section (5) there shall be inserted the following paragraph :—

“(h) the Conservation of Energy Resources Committee.”