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Hon. Senator Harry Hayes, P.C.
Mr. Serge Joyal, M.P.
Joint Chairmen
Special Joint Committee on the
Constitution of Canada
P.O. Box 1044
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Dear Sirs:

At the recent 38th Annual Convention of the British Columbia Provincial Council of Carpenters, representing over 15,000 members in the Province of British Columbia, there was discussion of the proposals made regarding repatriation of the Canadian Constitution.

Our Convention adopted three resolutions with regard to the Canadian Constitution, copies of which are enclosed.

We would request that consideration be given to the positions contained in these resolutions.

Yours very truly

Lorne Robson
Secretary-Treasurer

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RESOLUTION No. 99 - CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS

WHEREAS: Organized labour, the largest democratic movement in Canada, is vitally concerned with the issues involved in the talks around a new Constitution for Canada; and

WHEREAS: The real needs of the working people of Canada are the same throughout the country; i.e., the need to bring the natural resources of Canada and their development under public ownership and democratic control as opposed to the position of provincial control versus federal control which, in reality, is a battle to see which wins the right to sell out the resources to the multi-national corporations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it be conveyed to the federal government that organized labour be consulted in respect to a new Constitution for Canada, along with the Native Indians and other interested parties.

99 M/S/C Concurrence

RESOLUTION No. 100 - NEW CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS: The key aspect of Canadian unity and a new Canadian Constitution has to be the relationship between the peoples of French and English Canada; and

WHEREAS: Social and economic insecurity which plagues the working people, ethnic minorities, and Native Indians continues to be a powerful force for disunity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Convention call for a new "made-in-Canada" Constitution guaranteeing a united Canada, based on the voluntary union of two nations -- English and French; and social policies which will provide full employment; adequate funds for social services; security and dignity for the working people; satisfaction of the just claims of the Native Indian and Inuit people; and full protection for civil and personal rights.

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EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION
AFFECTING MOVEMENT OF WORKERS

WHEREAS: The Constitutional legislation that is currently before the Parliament of Canada includes provisions that could have adverse effects on the movement of workers across Canada; and

WHEREAS: The legislation has now been referred to committee for second reading; and

WHEREAS: This matter is of considerable concern to all workers across Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the B.C. Provincial Council of Carpenters, both directly and through the B.C. Federation of Labour, call to have the committee meetings public sessions to be held in all major centres across Canada, where the labour movement would have full opportunity to make submissions.

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