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MR HARRY HAYES, CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL JOINT SENATE-HOUSE OF COMMONS
COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA PARLIAMENT BLDGS OTTAWA ONT
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NEAR 100 REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED ORGANISATIONS MET IN
NANAMATA, BC, NOVEMBER 28-30 FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HUMAN
RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

IN URGENT RESPONSE TO THE "PROPOSED RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE
CONSTITUTION OF CANADA," 1980, THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS
SYMPOSIUM UNANIMOUS AGREED THAT:

1. THE PROPOSED CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE
2. A PERIOD OF 6 ADDITIONAL MONTHS MUST BE ALLOWED FOR THE CANADIAN
PUBLIC TO STUDY THE PROPOSED CHARTER AND TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS

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3 A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS MUST BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLIMENTED TO INCLUDE
CANADIAN PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS IN CREATING A FULLY LEGITIMISED
CHARTER:

4. WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY, AS A MINIMUM, THAT THE SPECIAL JOINT
SENATE HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA
TRAVEL TO ALL REGIONS OF CANADA TO CONSULT WITH THE PEOPLE.

THE BC HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

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