

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

REGINA, March 29, 1961.

The Honourable E.D. Fulton, J.C., P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Justice,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Last Tuesday the Saskatchewan Legislature unanimously passed the enclosed resolution dealing with the subject of the amendment to the Constitution.

I am enclosing this for your information.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Walker
Attorney General.

Encl.

That this Assembly:

- (1) expresses the hope that agreement can be reached among the provinces of Canada and the Government of Canada whereby complete power to amend the Constitution of Canada may be transferred to this country;
- (2) believes that any amending procedure which is adopted must be as flexible as possible while protecting certain fundamental matters from ready change, and in particular that:
 - (a) among such fundamental matters should be included provisions in the Constitution relating to the use of the English and the French language, education, and the new amending procedure, all of which should be subject to alteration only by the unanimous agreement of the provinces;
 - (b) a bill of rights should be added to the Constitution and this should also be amendable only by unanimous provincial agreement;
 - (c) before the conference of Attorneys General makes a final recommendation to the provinces and to the Government of Canada with respect to a new amending procedure, the various proposals which have been considered by the conference should be made known to the public, and members of the public should be given an opportunity to consider and discuss these proposals and to present their views to a broadly representative body established to study such proposals;
- (3) opposes the adoption of any new procedure for amending the Constitution unless the proposed amending procedure is approved by the Government of Canada and all the provinces.

Ottawa, April 18, 1961.

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Dear Mr. Walker:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29 to the Minister of Justice enclosing a resolution passed by the Legislature of Saskatchewan dealing with the amendment to the Constitution, and copies of the foregoing to me.

Yours truly,

"E.A. Driedger"

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