

SEVENTH REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE ON SENATE
MODERNIZATION, AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 15, 2017:

The Special Senate Committee on Senate Modernization has the honour to present its

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Your committee, which was authorized by the Senate on Friday, December 11, 2015, to consider methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework, now reports as follows:

In its first report tabled on October 4, 2016, your committee examined regional representation in the Senate and now recommends the following:

That the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament develop and propose to the Senate amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* to require standing committees to consider regional impacts in their reports on legislation by way of observations or in the report of subject-matter studies, where significant and prejudicial.

That the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration develop and propose to the Senate processes to ensure that sufficient funds are available for committees to travel to all regions of the country when studying bills with potential regional impacts or when considering issues with potential regional impacts where significant or important.