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### CONTEXT

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<b>ICS10/A/1</b>	<b>The Canadian Constitution 1980: proposed resolution respecting the constitution of Canada. 2 copies</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>ICS10/A/2</b>	<b>The Canadian Constitution 1980: explanation</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>ICS10/A/3</b>	<b>Canadian High Commission: Background paper on 'patriation' of the British North America Act</b>	<b>1980 October 2</b>
<b>ICS10/A/4</b>	<b>The Canadian Constitution 1980: highlights of a proposed resolution</b>	<b>1980 October 2</b>
<b>ICS10/A/5</b>	<b>Statement by the Prime Minister on the Canadian constitution</b>	<b>1980 October 2</b>
<b>ICS10/A/6</b>	<b>Prime Minister. Proposed resolution of a joint address to HM The Queen respecting the constitution of Canada</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>ICS10/A/7</b>	<b>Federal-Provincial Relations office. Canada's native peoples and the constitution</b>	<b>1980 November</b>

<b>ICS10/A/8</b>	<b>Motion tabled by the Minister of Justice in the House of Commons on 13 February 1981, together with the 2 October 1980 proposed resolution and explanatory notes as to amendments</b>	<b>1980 October 2, 1981 February 13</b>
<b>ICS10/A/9</b>	<b>Motion tabled by the Minister of Justice in the House of Commons on 13 February 1981</b>	<b>1981 February 13</b>
<b>ICS10/A/10</b>	<b>Xerox of cutting from Toronto Globe and Mail, 18 September 1980: 'The contract is clear'</b>	<b>1980 September 18 or later</b>
<b>ICS10/A/11</b>	<b>Xerox of cutting from The Economist, 6-12 December 1980 'Mother mustn't meddle'</b>	<b>1980 December 6 or later</b>
<b>ICS10/A/12</b>	<b>Canadian High Commission Newscan: Patriation developments 21 November 1980-19 June 1981</b>	<b>1981 June 19 or later</b>
<b>ICS10/A/13</b>	<b>Supreme Court of Canada. Judgement on the constitution issue</b>	<b>1981 September</b>

<b>ICS10/A/14</b>	<b>Office of Prime Minister. Letter and statement of the PM re the decision of the Supreme Court</b>	<b>1981 October 1</b>
<b>ICS10/A/15</b>	<b>Canada Today April 1982: The constitution comes home</b>	<b>1982 April</b>
<b>ICS10/A/16</b>	<b>Proclamation of the Constitution Act, 1982</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>ICS10/A/17</b>	<b>Text of the resolution respecting the Constitution of Canada adopted by the House of Commons on 2 December 1981</b>	<b>1981 December 2</b>
<b>ICS10/A/18</b>	<b>Aboriginal organizations in Canada</b>	<b>undated [c1980- 1982]</b>
<b>ICS10/A/19</b>	<b>Survey of Indian conditions</b>	<b>undated [c1980- 1982]</b>

By John C Munro

**ICS10/A/20 Native rights and native affairs**

**undated  
[c1980-  
1982]**

Background information on ICS10/A/7

**ICS10/A/21 Report to Cabinet on constitutional discussions and the outlook for the 1st Ministers' Conference and beyond. 1980**

Review and assessment of constitutional discussions. The paper also proposed positions and strategy for the upcoming First Ministers Conference on the constitution.

64 pages

<b>ICS10/B/1</b>	<b>Constitutional issues for the people of Alberta</b>	<b>undated [?1980]</b>
<b>ICS10/B/2</b>	<b>Energy issues for the people of Alberta</b>	<b>undated [?1980]</b>
<b>ICS10/B/3</b>	<b>Submission by the government to the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Commons, UK</b>	<b>1980 November 26</b>

<b>ICS10/C/1</b>	<b>Debates of Legislative Assembly</b>	<b>1980 December 11</b>
	Morning and afternoon debates.	
<b>ICS10/C/2</b>	<b>Open letter from W R Bennet, Premier, re the debate on 11 December 1980</b>	<b>1981 January 2</b>
<b>ICS10/C/3</b>	<b>Submission of W R Bennett, on behalf of British Columbia, to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada</b>	<b>1981 January 9</b>
<b>ICS10/C/4</b>	<b>Open letter from the Minister of Intergovernmental Relations re constitutional proposals</b>	<b>1981 January 23</b>
<b>ICS10/C/5</b>	<b>Submission of the British Columbia government to the Foreign Affairs Committee, House of Commons, UK</b>	<b>undated [?1981]</b>

<b>ICS10/D/1</b>	<b>News Service</b>	<b>1980 April 18-1981 January 6</b>
<b>ICS10/D/2</b>	<b>Statement to First Ministers' Conference on Constitution: 'Charter of Human Rights'</b>  By Sterling Lyon	<b>1979 February 5- 6</b>
<b>ICS10/D/3</b>	<b>On the entrenchment of a Bill of Rights</b>  By G P Browne	<b>1980 August 20</b>
<b>ICS10/D/4</b>	<b>Notes for an opening statement at the First Ministers' Conference on the Constitution</b>  By Sterling Lyon	<b>1980 September 8</b>
<b>ICS10/D/5</b>	<b>Notes for a statement on the entrenchment of a Charter of Rights</b>  By Sterling Lyon, for the First Ministers' Conference on the Constitution	<b>1980 September 9</b>
<b>ICS10/D/6</b>	<b>Notes for a statement concerning family law</b>	<b>1980 September 9</b>



By Sterling Lyon, for the First Ministers' Conference  
on the Constitution

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| <b>ICS10/D/7</b>  | <b>Notes for a statement on 'powers over the economy'</b>   | <b>1980<br/>September<br/>11</b> |
|                   | By Sterling Lyon, for the First Ministers' Conference<br>on the Constitution                      |                                  |
| <b>ICS10/D/8</b>  | <b>Notes for a closing statement to the First Ministers' Conference on the Constitution</b>       | <b>1980<br/>September<br/>13</b> |
|                   | By Sterling Lyon  |                                  |
| <b>ICS10/D/9</b>  | <b>Address to the Conference of the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities</b>              | <b>1980<br/>September<br/>16</b> |
|                   | By Gerry Mercier, Minister of Urban Affairs   |                                  |
| <b>ICS10/D/10</b> | <b>Notes for an address to the 77th annual convention of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities</b> | <b>1980<br/>November<br/>20</b>  |
|                   | By Sterling Lyon  |                                  |
| <b>ICS10/D/11</b> | <b>Notes for an address to the Royal Institute of International Affairs</b>                       | <b>1981<br/>February 2</b>       |
|                   | By Sterling Lyon  |                                  |
| <b>ICS10/D/12</b> | <b>Legislative Assembly. Votes and Proceedings</b>  | <b>1981 March<br/>10</b>         |

<b>ICS10/D/13</b>	<b>Notes for an address to the Toronto Branch of CIM and the Prospectors and Developers Association</b> By Sterling Lyon	<b>1981 March 11</b>
<b>ICS10/D/14</b>	<b>Constitution amendment and Canadian unity</b>  By W R Lederman	<b>undated [c1967-1981]</b>
<b>ICS10/D/15</b>	<b>The case against entrenchment of a Canadian Bill of Rights</b>  By D A Schmeiser	<b>undated [c1967-1981]</b>
<b>ICS10/D/16</b>	<b>The process of constitutional amendment for Canada</b> By W R Lederman	<b>1967</b>
<b>ICS10/D/17</b>	<b>The case against the Canadian Charter of Human Rights</b> By D V Smiley	<b>1969</b>
<b>ICS10/D/18</b>	<b>Transcript of 'Morningside'</b>	<b>1980 October 9</b>

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| <b>ICS10/E/1</b> | <b>Compendium of statements and interventions at the Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers on the Constitution</b><br>By Richard B Hatfield | <b>1980</b><br><b>September</b><br><b>8-13</b> |
| <b>ICS10/E/2</b> | <b>Reaction to the 'proposed resolution for joint address to HM The Queen respecting the constitution of Canada'</b><br>By Richard B Hatfield          | <b>1980</b><br><b>October 17</b>               |
| <b>ICS10/E/3</b> | <b>Brief to the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the constitution of Canada</b><br>By Richard B Hatfield           | <b>1980</b><br><b>December 4</b>               |
| <b>ICS10/E/4</b> | <b>Tape transcript of opening remarks concerning the brief [i.e. ICS10/E/3]</b><br>By Richard B Hatfield   | <b>1980</b><br><b>December 4</b>               |

<b>ICS10/F/1</b>	<b>The Constitution Act 1980: no more guarantees</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>ICS10/F/2</b>	<b>Excerpts from proceedings of the 1950 First Ministers' Constitutional Conference on amending the formula</b>	<b>1950</b>
<b>ICS10/F/3</b>	<b>Newfoundland's concerns regarding the federal proposal for constitutional amendment</b>	<b>undated [?1980]</b>
<b>ICS10/F/4</b>	<b>Discussion paper on major bilateral issues - Canada-Newfoundland</b>	<b>1980 May</b>
<b>ICS10/F/5</b>	<b>Towards the 21st century together: the position of the government of Newfoundland regarding constitutional change</b>	<b>1980 August 18</b>
<b>ICS10/F/6</b>	<b>Province-wide address</b>  By A Brian Peckford	<b>1980 October 20</b>

<b>ICS10/G/1</b>	<b>A presentation by the territorial government to the Joint Committee of the House of Commons and the Senate on the Constitution of Canada</b> By George Braden	<b>undated [1980 November]</b>
<b>ICS10/G/2</b>	<b>Minutes of proceeding and evidence of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada</b> Excerpts concerning the presentation by George Braden [ICS10/G/1]	<b>1980 November 25</b>
<b>ICS10/G/3</b>	<b>The constitutional debate: a Northern perspective</b>	<b>1980 November 27-29</b>
<b>ICS10/G/4</b>	<b>Commissioner's opening address to the 4th session of the 9th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories</b>	<b>1981 February 4</b>
<b>ICS10/G/5</b>	<b>News. Constitutional amendments fall far short</b>	<b>1981 February 11</b>

**ICS10/H/1 Notes for a statement to a seminar at the Institute  
of Commonwealth Studies**  
By John M Buchanan

**1981  
January 19**

**ICS10//1 Ontario and the debate on Canada's constitution**

**undated  
[c1980-  
1982]**

<b>ICS10/J/1</b>	<b>Canadian constitution 1980: proposed resolution</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>ICS10/J/2</b>	<b>Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers on the Constitution, 8-13 September 1980</b>	<b>1980 September 13 or later</b>
<b>ICS10/J/3</b>	<b>Position statements</b>	<b>undated [?1980 September 8-13]</b>
	For the 1980 Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers on the Constitution	
<b>ICS10/J/4</b>	<b>Closing statement</b>	<b>undated [?1980 September 8-13]</b>
	For the 1980 Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers on the Constitution	
<b>ICS10/J/5</b>	<b>Submission to the Special Joint Parliamentary Committee of Senate and House of Commons on the constitution</b>	<b>1980 November 27</b>
<b>ICS10/J/6</b>	<b>Representation of the government to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons, UK</b>	<b>1980 November 28</b>



<b>ICS10/K/1</b>	<b>We simply can't buy it</b>	<b>undated [c1980-1982]</b>
<b>ICS10/K/2</b>	<b>Press releases</b>	<b>1980 December 8-1981 June 2</b>
<b>ICS10/K/3</b>	<b>References to items published in the Canadian and UK press during November-December 1980</b>	<b>[?1980 December]</b>
<b>ICS10/K/4</b>	<b>Role of the UK Parliament in relation to the British North America Acts memorandum</b>	<b>undated [c1980-1982]</b>
<b>ICS10/K/5</b>	<b>Supreme Court of Newfoundland. Factum of Procureur Général du Québec</b>	<b>undated [c1980-1982]</b>
<b>ICS10/K/6</b>	<b>Court of Appeal. Factum of Procureur Général du Québec</b>	<b>undated [c1980-1982]</b>

<b>ICS10/K/7</b>	<b>Factum du Procureur Général du Québec devant le cour d'appel du Québec</b>	<b>undated [c1980-1982]</b>
<b>ICS10/K/8</b>	<b>Canadian constitution background briefs no 1-6</b>	<b>1980 November 24-1981 June</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Origin and amendments (24 November 1980);</li> <li>2. Comments by politicians and media (28 November 1980);</li> <li>3. Select committee (undated);</li> <li>4. Questions before Canada's courts (March 1981);</li> <li>5. Nature of Canadian federalism (undated);</li> <li>6. Current status: the Supreme Court hearings (June 1981).</li> </ol>	
<b>ICS10/K/9</b>	<b>Constitution express no 1-16</b>	<b>undated [c1980-1982]</b>
<b>ICS10/K/10</b>	<b>Press release: Canada Bill has no constitutional legitimacy</b>	<b>1982 February 11</b>
<b>ICS10/K/11</b>	<b>Role of the UK Parliament in relation to the British North America Act. Second Memorandum</b>	<b>1982 February</b>

**ICS10/K/12 Copy of a letter from René Lévesque to Mr Pym 1982  
February 15**

**ICS10/L/1 The patriation and amendment of the constitution 1980  
of Canada December  
19**

<b>ICS10/M/1</b>	<b>News release</b>	<b>1980 May 28- November 21</b>
<b>ICS10/M/2</b>	<b>Presentation to the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the constitution</b>	<b>1980 November 27</b>
<b>ICS10/M/3</b>	<b>Statement by the government on the curent constitutional talks and on constitutional goals for Yukon</b>	<b>undated [?1980]</b>

- ICS10/N/1 A citizen's guide to the constitutional question** 1980  
By the Business Council on National Issues
- ICS10/N/2 CCLA news notes on the constitution** 1981  
February  
By the Canadian Civil Liberties Association
- ICS10/N/3 Submission to the Special Joint Parliamentary  
Committee on the Constitution re Charter of  
Rights and Freedoms** 1980  
November  
18  
By the Canadian Civil Liberties Association
- ICS10/N/4 Address by speakers and the constitutional  
seminar: Confederation - the great challenge** 1981  
February 6  
By Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- ICS10/N/5 Submission on constitutional amendment** 1979  
August  
By Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- ICS10/N/6 Second submission on constitutional amendment** 1980  
August  
By Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- ICS10/N/7 Inuit Kanatalimami** 1980  
December 3

By the Inuit Committee on National Issues. In The Times, 3 December 1980

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| <b>ICS10/N/8</b>  | <b>Brief to the Special Joint Committee on the Constutituion of Canada</b><br>By the Canadian Library Association  | <b>1978<br/>September</b>        |
| <b>ICS10/N/9</b>  | <b>Submission on constitutional reform</b><br>By the Canadian Chamber of Commerce  | <b>1980<br/>September</b>        |
| <b>ICS10/N/10</b> | <b>Submission on the Constitution Act 1981</b><br>By the Canadian Chamber of Commerce  | <b>1981 April</b>                |
| <b>ICS10/N/11</b> | <b>Statement on Progressive Conservative party amendments to the constitutional resolution</b><br>By Joe Clark, Progressive Conservative party                               | <b>1981 April<br/>21</b>         |
| <b>ICS10/N/12</b> | <b>Upholding the Canadian Way: the Supreme Court decision that the Progressive Conservative party made possible</b><br>Covering letter by the Progressive Conservative party | <b>1981<br/>September<br/>30</b> |

**ICS10/P Box of CP wire transmissions**

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November-  
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