

PROCESSES OF CONSTITUTIONAL
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negotiation of the Meech Lake Accord.
Furthermore, the 1990-92 negotiations were

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consciously directed at being a "Canada Round"
to overcome criticisms of the earlier Meech Lake

These structural factors interacting with each other were exacerbated by significant events during the decade leading up to 1991-2. Although

to divorce proceedings.(Fournier 1990, Simeon 1990, and Watts 1991).

Quebec and the rest of Canada drew sharply

but some prominent public figures soon began to wonder publicly whether keeping Canada

concerns, it also dealt with a wide range of issues relating to processes elsewhere in Canada

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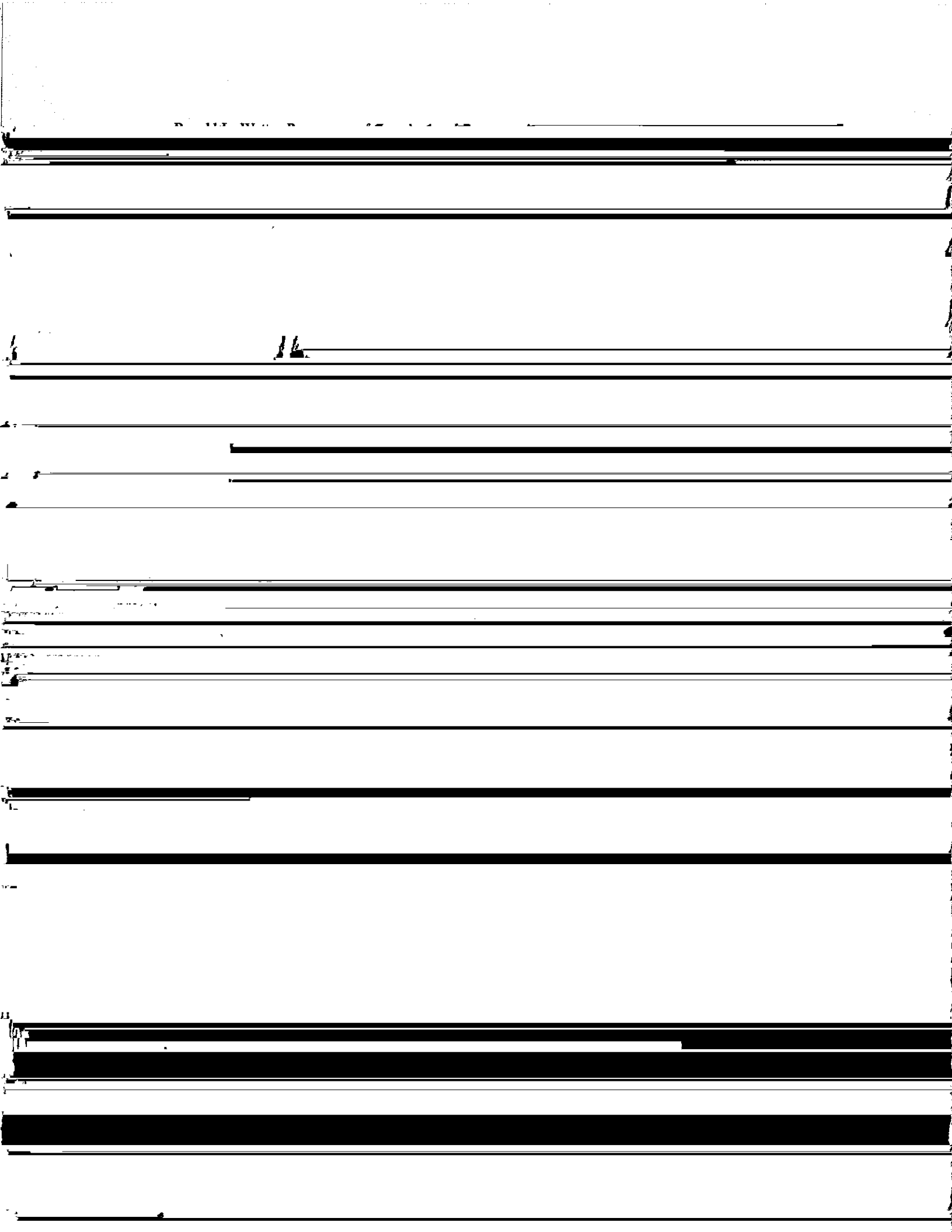
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emphasis upon reconciliation and accommodation which emerged from these conferences.

The public consultation stage was brought to a conclusion at the end of February 1992 with the appearance of the Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on a Renewed Canada

provincial and territorial governments and from each of the four aboriginal associations.¹ Quebec, however, abstained from the process insisting that it would not participate until it had had an opportunity to review satisfactory "offers" from the federal government. This was a strategy that was to backfire for it meant that by the time



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the redaction by these questions in its Senate

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procedures for partial revision and total revision
of the constitution. It has been argued that

elsewhere in several European countries which

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