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There was a further amendment changing that 30 day period to a 38 day period. I am advised by the officials at the table that the 38 days had expired.

Mr. Starr: No, thirty days only.

The Chairman: I should have said 30 days had expired. In carrying out the standing orders, therefore, with which the house has provided the Chairman, it is my duty now to proceed with the estimates that remain for all departments.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): With the greatest of respect, would Your honour be good enough to indicate where there is an order that business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment shall be disposed of or concluded. Respectfully I suggest there is no such order of the house. There is the order that 38 days shall be allocated to consideration to the business of supply. There is nothing else. Because of this weakness the Minister of National Health and Welfare—and he knows this very well—included paragraph (6) in the order of June 26. Without that, he knew that it would be impossible to carry the estimates as was done.

With respect, sir, I suggest that you owe it to the committee to set forth where there is an order of this house that conforms to the clear provisions of section 6(5)(b). I shall repeat part of that:

When a sitting is extended pursuant to section (6) of this order, or when it is provided in any other standing order that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment shall be disposed of or concluded—

We must find somewhere in a standing order that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment shall be disposed of or concluded. That provision exists in no standing or special order of this house.

Mr. MacEachen: The Chairman ruled on a point of order raised by the hon. member for Carleton. I suggest that the committee should accept the ruling which is before us on two special orders of the house. The ruling is supported by the earlier paragraph which the Chairman read.

I wish to say that the house order specified that the vote would be taken at 9.30. That time was chosen so that all business of the house would be concluded at ten o'clock of that evening. That was not done, to avoid the pitfall that the hon. gentleman mentioned.

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Mr. Churchill: It was not concluded until 10.19.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Where is the standing or special order which permits us to carry on?

The Chairman: Perhaps I could refer hon. members to page 49 of our standing orders where it is stated, on the right hand side, that standing orders 56 and 57 are subject in the second session of the 27th Parliament to recommendations Nos. 5 and 7 of the second report of the special committee on procedure of the house adopted on April 26, 1967, as follows:

That the house adopt the following resolution with respect to supply procedure:

That for the duration of the second session of the 27th Parliament standing orders 56 and 57 shall be provisionally amended and interpreted in the light of the following procedures which shall govern the business of supply—

Then follows an enumeration of the various items recommended by the committee on procedure and adopted by the house on April 26.

Mr. Churchill: May I ask a question, Mr. Chairman? Have 38 days been given by this house to the business of supply?

Mr. MacEachen: I rise on a point of order, or to speak to the point of order. A ruling has been made by the Chair, and the hon. member who has just resumed his seat knows it is quite improper to ask questions of the Chair. We have had a ruling.

Mr. Churchill: Well, if a ruling has been made, what is the hon. gentleman doing now? Is he raising a second point of order on a point of order?

Mr. MacEachen: What I am doing is to suggest to members of the committee that the ruling of the Chair be accepted and that this improper procedure be not continued.

Mr. Churchill: If the minister of health and welfare can stand up and lecture the house on accepting the ruling of the Chair, I can get up and suggest that the ruling of the Chair be not accepted. If this type of debate is permitted I must be allowed the same privilege as has been accorded to the minister of health and welfare.

The Chairman: I am advised by the officials at the table that we have already had 30 days of supply. We have had six days of supply motions and there are two days