

that the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre was allowed to make his motion to adjourn the House after the motion was moved by the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe) that the House do go into Committee of the Whole at its next sitting on the resolution. The motion to adjourn the House was in order.

I should like to refer honourable Members to Standing Order 24 which says:

“A motion for reading the Orders of the Day shall have preference to any motion before the House.”

There has to be a motion before the House before that motion can be entertained. Standing Order 25 says:

“A motion to adjourn (except when made for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance), shall always be in order, but no second motion to the same effect shall be made until after some intermediate proceeding has been had.”

The words “shall always be in order” must be understood to mean providing there is a motion before the House.

I should like to refer honourable Members now to Bourinot's 4th edition, page 322, where he says:

“There is a class of motions, common to all parliamentary assemblies, intended to have the effect of superseding or delaying the consideration of a question. For instance, motions for the adjournment of the house for debate, for reading the orders of the day, and for the previous question, are all in this direction.

The term “dilatatory” is used by most writers on parliamentary law as a convenient means of grouping together such motions as postpone a question for the time being.

*Motions of adjournment*—when any question is under the consideration of either House a motion to adjourn will always be in order.”

Then he cites rule 39 which is now our rule 25.

On page 324 he says:

“A motion to proceed to the orders of the day is another mode of evading a question for the time being.”

He cites rule 35, which is now rule 24. Then, he says:

“If a question on the motion paper is under consideration, any member may move, ‘That the orders of the day be now read,’ or ‘That the house do now proceed to the orders of the day,’ or ‘to the public bills and orders.’ ”

Now, having said that I think we are protected for the future.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following Bills, to which the concurrence of this House is desired:

Bill No. 293 (Letter C-10 of the Senate), intituled: “An Act for the relief of Edith May Robertson Thompson”.—*Mr. Henderson*.

Bill No. 294 (Letter D-10 of the Senate), intituled: “An Act for the relief of Hans Christian Anderson”.—*Mr. Henderson*.

Bill No. 295 (Letter E-10 of the Senate), intituled: “An Act for the relief of Raffaele Polissena”.—*Mr. Henderson*.