

On motion of Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. McIlraith,—The First Report of the Special Committee on Procedure of the House, presented to the House on Monday, March 20, 1967, was concurred in and is as follows:

Your Committee was established by resolution of the House on Wednesday, January 25, 1967 to consider and from time to time to report upon the advisability of making permanent, with or without amendment, any or all the several changes in the procedure of this House adopted for the First Session of the Twenty-Seventh Parliament on January 21, 1966, and such other changes as the committee may deem suitable to promote the more expeditious dispatch of the business of the House.

By resolution of the House on Friday, February 24, 1967, the following Members were appointed to the Committee: Messrs. Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe), Baldwin, Brand, Faulkner, Knowles, Langlois (Mégantic), MacEachen, Nugent, Olson, Richard and Stewart.

Your Committee considers that the appointment of an Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees is desirable, and therefore recommends that Section (5) of Standing Order 52 be amended to read as follows:

(5) At the commencement of every session, or from time to time as necessity may arise, the House may appoint a Deputy Chairman of Committees and also an Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees, either of whom shall, whenever the Chairman of Committees is absent, be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chairman of Committees including his powers as Deputy Speaker during Mr. Speaker's unavoidable absence.

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On motion of Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. McIlraith,—The Second Report of the Special Committee on Procedure of the House, presented to the House on Monday, March 20, 1967, was concurred in and is as follows:

Your Committee considers that the reform of the procedure of the House is a matter calling for long and earnest study, and that the time which will be required to complete this task is not available to your Committee during the current session.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends as follows:

1. That a Special Committee on Procedure of the House be appointed without delay at the beginning of the second session of the Twenty-Seventh Parliament.

2. That the Standing Orders as provisionally amended and modified for use in the current session be continued in operation for the duration of the second session of the Twenty-Seventh Parliament except as hereinafter provided.

3. That Standing Order 6 be provisionally amended to read as follows:

6. (1) On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, except when Private Members' Business is to be considered in any such sitting, the sittings of the House shall be suspended from 6.00 o'clock p.m. until 8.00 o'clock p.m.

(2) When Private Members' Business is taken up on any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, the business of the House shall be interrupted at 7.00 o'clock p.m. and the sitting shall be suspended until 8.00 o'clock p.m.

(3) On any day on which a morning sitting is held, the business of the House shall be suspended from 1.00 o'clock p.m. until 2.30 o'clock p.m.