

Mr. MacEachen, from the Special Committee on Procedure of the House, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which 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.

(4) Subject to the exceptions stated in section (5) of this order, at 10.00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 6.00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without question put, until the next sitting day.

(5) (a) When, pursuant to Standing Order 39A, a motion to adjourn is deemed to have been proposed at 10.00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the House shall not be adjourned until the said motion is deemed to have been adopted.

(b) 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, the adjournment proceedings in that sitting shall be suspended and that sitting shall not be adjourned except pursuant to a motion to adjourn moved by a Minister of the Crown.

(6) During the hour preceding 1.00 o'clock p.m., 6.00 o'clock p.m. or 10.00 o'clock p.m., as the case may be, a motion to extend a sitting beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, or to continue a sitting through the period between 1.00 o'clock p.m. and 2.30 o'clock p.m. or between 6.00 o'clock p.m. and 8.00 o'clock p.m., as the case may be, may be made without notice. If any member objects to the motion, Mr. Speaker shall request those members who object to rise in their places and if ten or more members then rise, the question shall not be put