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PRAYERS

On the proposed motion of Mr. Orlikow, that the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, presented to the House on May 24, 1973, be concurred in and on the point of order concerning the regularity of the said Report raised Friday, June 15, 1973;

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: On Friday last the honourable Member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) sought to move concurrence in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications. On a point of order, some doubt was cast on the procedural acceptability of the Report and, more particularly, on the honourable Member's right to move concurrence in that Report.

A number of honourable Members took part in the procedural discussion, at the end of which it was agreed that the Chair should be given an opportunity to study the arguments advanced, both in support of and in opposition to the procedural acceptability of the honourable Member's motion.

There is little doubt that only the functions and powers of the Committee of Supply were transferred to the standing committees in relation to the estimates when

the Standing Orders were amended in 1968. Section (14) of Standing Order 58 reads as follows: "In every session the main estimates to cover the incoming fiscal year for every department of government shall be referred to standing committees on or before March 1 of the then expiring fiscal year. Each such committee shall consider and shall report, or shall be deemed to have reported, the same back to the House not later than May 31 in the then current fiscal year."

Standing Order 59 reads as follows: "A motion, to be decided without debate or amendment, may be moved during Routine Proceedings by a Minister of the Crown to refer any item or items in the main estimates or in supplementary estimates to any standing committee or committees and, upon report from any such committees, the same shall lie upon the Table of the House."

The old Standing Order 57, which preceded the present Standing Order 59, reads as follows: "A motion, to be decided without debate or amendment, may be made without notice during Routine Proceedings by a Minister of the Crown withdrawing any item or items in the estimates from the Committee of Supply and referring the same to any standing or special committee and, upon report from any such committee, the said item or items shall stand referred to the Committee of Supply."