

[At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(4)]

(Notices of Motions)

Mr. Wahn, seconded by Mr. Cullen, moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give early consideration to measures for maintaining the purchasing power of Canadian currency by eliminating inflation—(Notice of Motion No. 27).

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), seconded by Mr. Côté (Longueuil),—That Bill S-26, An Act to prohibit the advertising, sale and importation of hazardous products be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Bill C-138, An Act to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act and the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act, as reported with an amendment, from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs was concurred in.

Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Laing (Vancouver South), moved,—That the said bill be now read a third time and do pass.

The honourable Member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) having raised a point of order as to the regularity of the said motion.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: My understanding of Standing Order 75(14) is that if the report from the committee does not include an amendment at the report stage there can be third reading on the same day. The Standing Order reads: "(14) When a bill has been reported from a standing or special committee and no amendment has been proposed thereto at the report stage, and in the case of a bill reported from a committee of the whole, with or without amendment, a motion, "That the bill be now read a third time and passed", may be made in the same sitting."

The honourable Member has referred to an amendment which was not proposed at the report stage, but was proposed and adopted at the committee stage. It is only when there is an amendment proposed and debated at the report stage that there cannot be two stages on the same day. When an amendment has been made by the committee, and there is no further amendment, then, under the Standing Order, there can be a debate on third reading the same day.

I am not sure this is completely clear but I hope the honourable Member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert), who is I believe in agreement with my interpretation of the Standing Order, is satisfied with the way I have attempted to interpret the situation for guidance of honourable Members.