

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), seconded by Mr. Olson, moved,—

That the Standing Orders of the House be amended by adding the following new Standing Orders immediately after Standing Order 75:

75A. When a Minister of the Crown, from his place in the House, states that there is agreement among the representatives of all parties to allot a specified number of days or hours to the proceedings at one or more stages of any public bill, he may propose a motion, without notice, setting forth the terms of such agreed allocation; and every such motion shall be decided forthwith, without debate or amendment.

75B. When a Minister of the Crown, from his place in the House, states that a majority of the representatives of the several parties, including that of the Government, have come to an agreement in respect of a proposed allotment of days or hours for the proceedings at any stage of the passing of a public bill, he may propose a motion, without notice, setting forth the terms of the said proposed allocation; provided that for the purposes of this standing order an allocation may be proposed in one motion to cover the proceedings at both the report and the third reading stages of a bill if that motion is consistent with the provisions of Standing Order 75(13). During the consideration of any such motion no member may speak more than once or longer than ten minutes. Not more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon, Mr. Speaker shall put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion.

75C. A Minister of the Crown who from his place in the House at a previous sitting has stated that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 75A or 75B in respect of proceedings at the stage at which a public bill was then under consideration either in the House or in any committee and has given notice at that sitting of his intention so to do may propose a motion for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at that stage; provided that the time allotted for any stage is not to be less than one sitting day and provided that for the purposes of this standing order an allocation may be proposed in one motion to cover the proceedings at both the report and the third reading stages on a bill if that motion is consistent with the provisions of Standing Order 75(13). During the consideration of any such motion no member may speak more than once or longer than ten minutes. Not more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon, Mr. Speaker shall put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion.

A point of order was raised by the honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) to the effect that since the proposed motion was substantially the same as the recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization and, as a Notice of Motion to concur in that Report had been printed on the Order Paper under the heading "Motions", the foregoing motion, if proceeded with, would block consideration of the Committee's Report.

#### RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I have to indicate to honourable Members that, in my view, many, if not all, of the arguments which were advanced by learned Members of the opposition this evening in the course of this debate were essentially those which were presented for the consideration of the Chair when the hon-