

Standing Orders

to Standing Order 19(4), as the case may be, when it will be taken up at the same stage where its progress was interrupted."

That paragraph (a) of Standing Order 13(4) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(4)(a) When the Speaker has put the question on any debatable motion, except as provided pursuant to section (2) of this Standing Order, the bells to call in the Members shall be sounded for not more than thirty minutes; provided that, while the Members are being called in, either the Chief Government Whip or the Chief Opposition Whip may approach the Speaker to request that the division be deferred, in which case, the Speaker shall defer the said division until a specified time, but, in any case, not later than 6.00 o'clock p.m. on the next sitting day thereafter, when the bells to call in the Members shall be sounded for not more than fifteen minutes, except as provided for under section (5) of this Standing Order or Standing Order 49(2)."

That Standing Order 19(3) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(3)(a) At 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, at 3.00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesdays, and at 12.00 o'clock noon on Fridays, the House shall proceed to the ordinary daily routine of business, which shall be as follows:

- Tabling of Documents (pursuant to Standing Orders 67 or 99(2))
- Statements by Ministers (pursuant to Standing Order 19(6))
- Presenting Reports from Inter-parliamentary Delegations (pursuant to Standing Order 101)
- Presenting Reports from Committees (pursuant to Standing Order 99)
- Introduction of Government Bills
- Introduction of Private Members' Bills
- First Reading of Senate Public Bills
- Motions
- Presenting Petitions (pursuant to Standing Order 106(4))

Questions on Order Paper.

(b)(i) When proceedings under 'Introduction of Government Bills' are not completed on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday prior to the mid-day interruption, the ordinary daily routine of business shall continue immediately after oral questions are taken up notwithstanding Standing Order 19(4) until the completion of all items under 'Introduction of Government Bills', suspending as much of Private Members' Business as necessary.

(ii) When proceedings under 'Introduction of Government Bills' are not completed before the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, the House shall continue to sit to complete the ordinary daily routine of business up to and including 'Introduction of Government Bills', whereupon the Speaker shall adjourn the House."

That paragraph (b) of Standing Order 19(6) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(b) A period of time corresponding to the time taken for the proceedings pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall be added to the time provided for government business as follows:

(i) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, such an extension shall commence at 1.00 o'clock p.m. on the same sitting day, notwithstanding Standing Order 9(2), and any period remaining at 2.00 o'clock p.m. shall be added to the time provided for government business thereafter on the same sitting day; and

(ii) on Wednesdays and Fridays, the time provided for government business shall be extended by a period corresponding to the time taken for proceedings pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section.

Where the time provided for government business has been extended after 2.00 o'clock p.m. pursuant to this section, Private Members' Business, where applicable, and the ordinary hour of daily adjournment shall be delayed by a period of time corresponding to the period of extension after 2.00 o'clock p.m., notwithstanding Standing Orders 9(1), 19(7) and 66(1) or any order made pursuant to Standing Order 10(1)."

That Standing Order 19(7) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(7) Except as otherwise provided in these Standing Orders, the order of business shall be as follows:

(Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

(After the daily routine of business)

Government Orders.

Private Members' Business—from 5.00 to 6.00 o'clock p.m.:

Public Bills, Private Bills, Notices of Motions and Notices of Motions (Papers).

(Wednesday)

(After the daily routine of business)

Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers.

Government Orders.

(Friday)

(Before the daily routine of business)

Government Orders.

(After the daily routine of business)

Government Orders.

Private Members' Business—from 2.00 to 3.00 o'clock p.m.:

Public Bills, Private Bills, Notices of Motions and Notices of Motions (Papers)."

That Standing Order 24 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"24. (1) After notice pursuant to Standing Order 68(1), a government notice of motion shall be put on the Order Paper as an order of the day under Government Orders.

(2) Proposed motions under Government Orders for the House to go into a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting of the House when put from the Chair shall be decided without debate or amendment."

That section (1) of Standing Order 29 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"29. (1) Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration must be asked for after the ordinary daily routine of business as set out in Standing Order 19(3) is concluded."

That sections (8) and (9) of Standing Order 29 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(8) If the Speaker is satisfied that the matter is proper to be discussed, the motion shall stand over until 8.00 o'clock p.m. on that day, provided that the Speaker, at his or her discretion, may direct that the motion shall be set down for consideration on the following sitting day at an hour specified by the Speaker."

That Standing Order 29(11) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(10) When a request to make such a motion has been made on any Friday, and the Speaker directs that it be considered the same day, it shall be considered forthwith."

That Standing Order 29(13) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(12) The proceedings on any motion being considered, pursuant to sections (8) or (10) of this Standing Order, may continue beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment but, when debate thereon is concluded prior to that hour in any sitting, it shall be deemed withdrawn. Subject to any motion adopted pursuant to Standing Order 9(4)(b), at 12.00 o'clock midnight on any sitting day except Friday, and at 4.00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, the Speaker shall declare the motion carried and forthwith adjourn the House until the next sitting day. In any other case, the Speaker, when satisfied that the debate has been concluded, shall declare the motion carried and forthwith adjourn the House until the next sitting day."

That Standing Order 32 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"32. Notwithstanding Standing Order 31, the order of precedence shall not contain, at any time, more than twenty motions and public bills originating in the House of Commons at second reading, nor fewer than ten items, when