

*Government Orders*

13. That Standing Order 43 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"43.(1) Unless otherwise provided in these Standing Orders, when the Speaker is in the Chair, no Member, except the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, or a Minister moving a government order and the Member speaking in reply immediately after such Minister, shall speak for more than twenty minutes at a time in any debate. Following each twenty-minute speech, a period not exceeding ten minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow Members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses thereto.

(2) The Whip of a party may indicate to the Speaker at any time during a debate governed by this Standing Order that one or more of the periods of debate limited pursuant to section (1) of this Standing Order and allotted to Members of his or her party are to be divided in two."

14. That the following new Standing Order be added after Standing Order 44:

"44.1.(1) The Clerk of the House shall cause to be kept at the Table a Register of Paired Members, in which any Member of the government party and any Member of an Opposition party may have their names entered together by their respective Whips, to indicate that they will not take part in any recorded division held on the date inscribed on that page of the Register; provided that independent Members of Parliament may sign the Register in their own right.

(2) On any day on which one or more recorded divisions have taken place, the names of the Members so entered shall be printed in the *Debates* and the *Votes and Proceedings*, immediately following the entry for each of the said divisions."

15. That sections 45(5) and 45(6) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(5)(a) When the Speaker has put the question on any debatable motion, including any votable Opposition motion on an allotted day (except on the last allotted day in a supply period), except as provided pursuant to section (3) 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 the ordinary hour of daily adjournment 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 (6) of this Standing Order or Standing Order 126(2); and

(b) When a recorded division is deferred pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the House shall continue with the business before it, pursuant to Standing Order 30(6).

(6) Notwithstanding any other Standing Order, if a division on any debatable item of Government Business or Private Members' Business is demanded on a Friday, and on any votable opposition motion on an allotted day, (except on the last allotted day of a supply period), falling on a Friday, either pursuant to section (1) or in a Committee of the Whole, or has been deferred on a Thursday pursuant to section (5), the calling in of the Members shall be deferred until the ordinary hour of daily adjournment on the next sitting day thereafter, when the bells to call in the Members shall ring for not more than fifteen minutes. Where any division has been previously deferred, except on a Thursday, it shall not be further deferred, notwithstanding section (5) of this Standing Order. Where it is provided in any Standing Order that any business shall be forthwith disposed of or concluded in any sitting and the calling in of the Members has been deferred pursuant to this section, the business specified by such Order shall be forthwith disposed of or concluded immediately after the deferred division has been taken. Any recorded division on a motion for concurrence in a bill at the report stage, pursuant to Standing Order 76(9), or for the consideration of the report stage of a bill from a Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Standing Order 76(12), may be deferred.

(7) If, pursuant to any Standing or Special Order of the House, two or more recorded divisions are to be held successively without intervening debate, the division bells shall be sounded to call in the Members only once."

16. That section 50(1) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"50.(1) The proceedings on the Order of the Day for resuming debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and on any amendments proposed thereto shall not exceed six sitting days."

17. That sections 50(6), 50(7) and 50(8) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(6) On the fourth of the said days, if any amendment be under consideration at thirty minutes before the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put the question on any amendment or amendments then before the House.

(7) The motion for an Address in Reply shall not be subject to amendment on or after the fifth day of the said debate.

(8) On the sixth of the said days, at fifteen minutes before the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, unless the said debate be previously concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the main motion."

18. That section 52(10) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(10) When a request to make such a motion has been made on any day, except Friday, and the Speaker directs that it be considered the same day, the House shall rise at the ordinary hour of daily adjournment and resume at 8.00 o'clock p.m."