

who put down a motion to delete would lose that right. It seems to be going far too extensively beyond the Standing Orders to suggest that because the effect may be in sum or in their collectivity to change the principle of the Bill that every Member who wants to put down a motion to delete at this stage ought to be deprived of that right. I cannot accept that.

I must say again that there is an area here of some uncertainty as to what the rights are at this stage. In my opinion, that uncertainty ought to be cleared up by the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization. In the meantime, the benefit of the doubt will be given to the Member who wishes to put down a motion at the report stage.

It would be my proposal to find procedurally acceptable all of those motions pursuant to Standing Order 75(5) which now seek to delete clauses. I think we ought to move on to the consideration of the report stage of the Bill.

Motion numbered 16 standing in the name of the honourable Member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence), as follows:

That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 5, line 33 at page 4 by striking out the words "or second degree murder".

was withdrawn.

Motion numbered 20 standing in the name of the honourable Member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence), as follows:

That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 5 by striking out lines 36 to 38 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"(2) Every one who commits second degree murder is guilty of an indictable offence and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life."

was withdrawn.

Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan, moved,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 2 by striking out lines 37 to 45 at page 2 and lines 1 to 17 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or, if the convicted person so chooses, shall be sentenced to death."

Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan, moved,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 3 by striking out lines 23 to 24 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"able offence and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life, or if the convicted person so chooses, shall be sentenced to death."

Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan, moved,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 5 by striking out lines 34 to 38 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"guilty of an indictable offence and shall,

(a) for a first offence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life, and

(b) for a second offence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life or, if the convicted person so chooses, be sentenced to death."

Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan, moved,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 21 by adding, immediately after line 43 at page 8 the following new subsection:

"(2) The sentence to be pronounced against a person who is sentenced to death shall not be that he be hanged by the neck until dead but shall be in conformity with any humane method of execution as the Governor in Council may establish by regulation."

And debate arising thereon;

#### STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I said earlier that I would give to the House a precise compilation of amendments considered up to now. Three Motions have been withdrawn: Motions Nos. 1, 16 and 20. The following Motions have been ruled out of order: Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 39. Therefore, remaining for consideration are the four that have been grouped for debate standing in the name of the honourable Member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday), namely, Motions Nos. 4, 9, 18 and 38. In addition to those are Motions Nos. 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21 to 37 inclusive and 40 to 46 inclusive.

#### (Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate, the question was deemed to have been adopted.

#### Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Lawrence and Wenman for Messrs. Halliday and Schumacher on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.