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that it is now well after ten o'clock and therefore the house should be adjourned. It is my contention that unless there is unanimous consent no further business can be done by the house at this sitting which started yesterday and is still going now at 2.15 a.m. Your Honour may wish to call my attention to standing order 6 (4), which reads:

When it is provided in any standing order that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment be forthwith disposed of or concluded, Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the house until the specified proceedings be completed.

May I point out that Your Honour has said on a number of occasions, in fact you said it within the last hour, that the house does not know what goes on in the committee of the whole. Earlier in these proceedings when another matter was reported to Your Honour you, sir, used these words: "I have no knowledge of what goes on in committee of the whole." Therefore Your Honour cannot know, although I am pleased to inform you—I should say that will inform you; I am not pleased to do it—that in committee of the whole today there was moved by the government a motion of closure under standing order 33. I not only give Your Honour that bit of distasteful information, but I point out that the motion for closure, which was moved by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, was "that further consideration of this resolution shall be the first business of the committee and shall not be further postponed". The only decision taken in our committee of the whole, of which Your Honour has no knowledge, was that there be closure in the committee on the resolution.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I interrupt the hon. member to notify him that I have no knowledge of what goes on in the committee of the whole until it reports. The committee has just reported and I know what has gone on.

**Mr. Knowles:** Your Honour knows that the committee has reported but you do not know the trouble the government went through to get that resolution before the committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Let us have a discussion on the point of order that the hon. member started to state; let us not go into what happened in the committee of the whole on previous proceedings.

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Speaker, the only reason I made that other reference to the committee was so that no one else would introduce the question of closure and claim that it applied at this stage. As Your Honour says, what you now know—

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not intend to apply standing order 33.

**Mr. Knowles:** That is fine; you have saved quite a lengthy part of my speech. We are now at the point where the committee of the whole has reported. That report has not yet been received by the house, neither has there been a motion for concurrence in the report nor have there been any other proceedings that might follow thereafter. It is my contention that none of those proceedings should be taken by the house tonight for the reason that we are four hours and seventeen minutes past the time when the house should be adjourned.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has brought to my attention the standing order which has to do with the ordinary time of adjournment. Standing order 6 (3) reads:

At 6.00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and at 10.00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays,...

I emphasize the following words:

—unless hereunder otherwise provided, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the house without question put until the next sitting day.

Then standing order 6 (4) reads:

When it is provided in any standing order—

I stress the words "any standing order".

—that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment be forthwith disposed of or concluded, Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the house until the specified proceedings be completed.

I would direct the hon. member's attention to standing order 62 which was approved last year and which reads:

Whenever a resolution is reported from any committee of the whole, a motion to concur in the same shall be forthwith put and decided without debate or amendment.

I should like also to point out to the hon. member who has raised the matter of the sitting day—he said that we are four hours beyond the sitting day that we started on—that the sitting day starts at the moment that we parade in with the mace and stops at the moment we parade out with the mace. I would refer the hon. member to Bourinot at pages 212 and 213 in which he states that a full parliamentary day is one that is a sitting of the house. A sitting of the house is from the moment the house starts at 2.30 until it is adjourned. I quote:

If it is intended to meet earlier next day, a formal motion should be made previous to the adjournment of the house, as in the case of holidays or church festivals. Sometimes the house has two or three distinct sittings on the same day. In such cases each sitting is considered a full parliamentary day, and bills of supply can be advanced stages without objection.

In this case we have not done that. We have not divided our sitting to make two or three sittings in one sitting day. We only