

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Thursday, February 13, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

#### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Third report of the standing committee on Privileges and Elections—Mr. Laflamme.

[English]

Fifth report of the standing committee on agriculture—Mr. Beer.

[Editor's Note: For Reports above referred to, see Votes and Proceedings.]

#### DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

AGREEMENT TO HOUSE DEBATE ON FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I have made a proposal, and I believe there is general agreement, with it, that the house should have an opportunity tomorrow to discuss the federal-provincial conference which was held earlier this week. Accordingly, I want to propose, if the house is agreeable, that tomorrow under government orders the Prime Minister might move a motion that the house adjourn. My suggestion is that this motion would be debatable, that all speeches except those of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition be limited to 20 minutes, that the private members hour be suspended and that unless the motion has been disposed of earlier it shall be deemed to have been adopted at 5 p.m. If the house is agreeable perhaps an order could be made to this effect.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** I do think this is a good idea, Mr. Speaker. While the government brass were away the house made very substantial progress, so that there is now very little work left on the order paper. We might have thought the government would require a week to defend its position and sort out its various stands, but

we are prepared to go ahead with this debate tomorrow.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, it is correct that there was an agreement this morning as to the general principle of this proposal, but there is one detail in the actual motion which I hope the government house leader will agree to alter. I refer to the 20 minute limit in so far as it affects the first speakers of the third and fourth parties in the house. I hope the government house leader will agree that the first speaker of the two parties in this part of the house be granted 40 minutes, while the rest would be limited to 20 minutes.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** I would be quite agreeable to that suggestion, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the proposal submitted to the house by the President of the Privy Council, subsequently amended as to the time to be allotted to those participating in the debate, concurred in?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is so ordered.

#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

TABLING OF I.L.O. RECOMMENDATION  
RESPECTING AGRICULTURAL  
WORKERS

**Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to table a document in English and in French. Omitting the usual remarks that go with tabling of documents, I should like to describe the document. It contains a recommendation adopted by the conference of the I.L.O. at its 52nd session last year to continue recommendation 132 concerning the improvement of conditions of life and work of tenants, share-croppers and similar categories of agricultural workers.

• (2:10 p.m.)

I also table the document from the Department of Justice commenting on whether this recommendation falls entirely within the federal field, the provincial field, or partly in both fields.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Why didn't you put it on the agenda?