

Speaker's Rulings—(Concluded)

13. Motion for House to go into Committee of Supply, 673. Amendment, Mr. Drew,—That consideration be given to initiating an enquiry respecting reform of the Senate, including such matters as tenure of office, etc.; moved, 674. Subamendment, Mr. Coldwell,—That steps be taken to secure the abolition of Senate; moved, 674. Mr. Speaker ruled: (1) the subamendment was not relevant to the main amendment; (2) the amendment itself was in objectionable form since it dealt with a question already before the House as a public bill dealing with the tenure of place in the Senate, but using his authority to modify motions in respect of form, and after consultation with the mover of same, that the words, "tenure of office" be deleted from the amendment, 674.
14. Point of order by Mr. Knowles,—That amendments made in Committee of Ways and Means should be reported, considered and concurred in, 687. Mr. Speaker ruled that resolutions are initiated in and are reported as being the product of the committee of the whole; therefore, no report is made of any amendment made therein, 687.
15. Motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 31 to discuss the need for an immediate declaration of government policy with respect to loss of markets for wheat and the means to be taken to protect the Canadian producer from detrimental policies and practices of other countries: Mr. Speaker decided that, since there would be an early opportunity to discuss the subject-matter dealt with in the statement of the proposer of the motion, the matter was not one of urgency within the meaning of the standing order, 716. And Mr. Drew, having stated that, he would avail himself of the rule to the effect that if twenty members rise to support such motion, the matter must be discussed: Mr. Speaker ruled that, in accordance with the terms of the standing order, he must decide whether the subject-matter proposed for discussion is one of urgency within the meaning of "urgency" as set forth in the standing order and, if, in his opinion, it was not a matter of urgency, the motion was not put from the chair, 717.
16. Motion for House to go into Committee of Supply, 726. Amendment, Mr. Drew,—That the government should make an immediate declaration as to its policy respecting the marketing of our wheat surplus; moved, 727. Subamendment, Mr. Argue,—To include in such policy a provision for a floor price; moved, 727. Mr. Speaker ruled that a declaration of government policy in respect of the marketing of wheat having been made by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the amendment and subamendment have become defective and meaningless and were, therefore, out of order, 755.

Special Orders:

1. Motion, Mr. St. Laurent,—To give precedence to consideration of speech of Governor General at opening of session, until disposed of, agreed to, 14.
2. Motion, Mr. Harris,—That when the House adjourns December 16, it stand adjourned until January 12, 1954, agreed to, 139.
3. Motion, Mr. St. Laurent,—That when the House adjourns Wednesday, April 14, it stand adjourned until Monday, April 26; agreed to, 547.
4. Motion, Mr. St. Laurent,—That on and after Monday, May 31, 1954, until the end of the session, the House shall meet at 11.00 a.m. each sitting day; and on Wednesday evenings; agreed to, 661.