

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, September 29, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

[*English*]

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members will recall that several months ago, there was some discussion about altering the form of Routine Proceedings by eliminating the necessity under Motions and Bills of reading an endless list of Hon. Members' names, only to say after each name that the matter would stand. It seemed to be the disposition of the House that we try to eliminate that. As a consequence, the Chair has given consideration to the matter and I will read a statement which will perhaps meet the suggestions of Hon. Members. We could try this at least until the turn of the year.

On June 25, 1987, the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) raised a point of order regarding the amount of time spent reading aloud individual items during Routine Proceedings. Specifically, he mentioned the large number of Members whose Notices of Motions are listed on the Order Paper. The same comment would apply to the introduction and first reading of Bills.

The Hon. Member suggested that the Chair not read a lengthy list but rather say something to the effect of: "Shall all the motions shown on today's Order Paper stand?" The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the government House Leader supported the suggestion and the Chair undertook to examine the possibility of streamlining the proceedings.

After examination of past practice and the Business of the House as listed on the Order Paper and after consultation with the three Parties, I am prepared to offer the following proposal which will be reviewed after the Christmas recess.

The Chair will announce each heading under Daily Routine of Business. Members wishing to be recognized will, as is customary, rise in their places. After reading the heading Introduction of Government Bills, Introduction of Private Members' Bills and Motions, the Chair will no longer call each

Minister or Member whose item of business is listed on the Order Paper under those headings. Rather, the Speaker will simply announce those types of business and be prepared to recognize those Members if they rise. This should provide sufficient opportunity for Members to bring their business forward.

[*Translation*]

In order to ensure the effectiveness of this procedure, I should like to suggest to the Hon. Members that it is always useful to notify in advance one of the Table Clerks of the time they intend to move their motions or introduce their Bills during Routine Proceedings.

I wish to thank all Hon. Members for their helpful suggestions and I hope that this proposal reflects the over-all attitude of the House in its eagerness to operate more effectively.

● (1110)

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ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

PRESENTATION OF EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the eighth report of the Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources entitled "Oil Scarcity or Security?" in both official languages, to which, pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), the committee requests a comprehensive response.

The committee initiated this study of future oil availability in Canada to dispel the complacency brought about by global oil over-supply and depressed petroleum prices. As the supply of conventional light oil declines in the Western Hemisphere, oil importing nations will turn to the Persian Gulf. Canada must increase its supply of all grades of oil to remain self-sufficient. The committee makes 12 recommendations and believes Government should not intervene in the day-to-day workings of the market-place but come forward with a long-term planning policy to ensure stability in the future.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]