

The Order being read for the Second Reading of Bill S-11, An Act respecting Principal Life Insurance Company of Canada.

Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. More (Regina City), moved,—That the said bill be now read a second time.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly the said bill was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill S-14, An Act respecting British Northwestern Insurance Company.

Mr. Allmand, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, moved,—That the said bill be now read a second time.

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

The Committee of Supply resumed.

And the House continuing in Committee;

Objection being taken in Committee to the decision of the Chairman (Mr. Batten), and an appeal being made to Mr. Speaker;

Pursuant to Standing Order 59 (4), Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Whereupon the Chairman reported as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in Committee of Supply the Chairman interrupted proceedings and stated that in accordance with the provisions of Special Orders made April 26 and June 26 last, he intended to proceed to put forthwith the question on all votes now before the Committee of Supply.

Whereupon, the Honourable Member for Carleton (Mr. Bell) raised a point of order to the effect that no provision could be found in any Standing Order which would permit the Committee of Supply to continue sitting beyond ten o'clock p.m. The Chairman ruled that in his opinion the authority to sit beyond ten o'clock p.m. and to proceed with the business of supply was to be found in the provisional amendment to Standing Order 56 and under the terms of Standing Order 6(5) (b).

Thereupon the honourable Member for Carleton appealed to Mr. Speaker from the decision of the Chairman."

#### RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: If there are no other contributions to this interesting debate I will attempt to bring some light to a very difficult situation. I must say that I have a great deal of sympathy for all honourable Members who have tried to piece together the rules as they are now. This is nobody's fault. I think an honest effort has been made in recent months and years by honourable Members to attempt to improve our rules. Whether we have succeeded is a matter of opinion for honourable Members.

I can readily see that it is not easy in a circumstance such as this to find out exactly what our rules say. I followed with interest the opinion and argu-