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application tonight, I submit with great respect, should not have been referred to and has no relevancy to our position as it now stands. The order of June 26 was designed to meet precisely the type of situation with which we are confronted. It provided:

That on Thursday, July 6, 1967, at 9.30 o'clock p.m., the proceedings of the house or the committee of supply or ways and means, as the case may be, shall be interrupted, and every question shall successively be put forthwith that may be necessary to dispose of the estimates of ten departments and any resolution or bill based thereon, and also such resolutions and bills as are necessary to provide for a fourth month interim supply;—

● (10:00 p.m.)

That paragraph was inserted into the special order of June 26, with great respect, Mr. Chairman, just because of a recognition of the total weakness of the order of April 26, 1967. The order of April 26 makes no provision whatever for the putting of the various items successively, as did that special order.

I venture to suggest to you that there is no provision whereby this house may extend its sittings beyond the time which is set forth so clearly under standing order 6, which provides that the house will rise at ten o'clock. It is ten o'clock, sir. The government has got itself into this box by its attempt to impose this type of guillotine on the house.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): The government has put itself in this situation. I submit that it is now ten o'clock.

Mr. Starr: Are we to submit to the arrogance of this government?

An hon. Member: It is the new look.

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): It is the old gang spoiling the new look.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): When the Postmaster General has finished with his snide remarks I will continue, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Order, please. The hon. member for Carleton has the floor.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): I am putting to you clearly and directly, sir, that there is no special order that permits the house to sit beyond ten o'clock. There has to be such a special order. The Minister of National Health and Welfare well recognized that on June 26 and that a special order was so adopted then. Without such a special order we cannot sit beyond ten o'clock tonight.

[Mr. Bell (Carleton).]

I quite agree, sir that consideration of the estimates is now ended. We have had every hour that we can have on the estimates. However, under standing order 6 (5) (b) this house has no further authority to continue its sitting.

Mr. Starr: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Olson: Mr. Chairman—

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Olson:—speaking on the point of order may I say I am sure the hon. member for Carleton will have recognized that the Chair did in fact interrupt the proceedings at exactly ten o'clock and called the vote for that purpose.

An hon. Member: One minute after ten.

Mr. Olson: One minute, 30 seconds, that is not important.

Mr. Starr: It is not important to one who can move from Social Credit to the Liberal ranks.

Mr. Olson: There are dozens of precedents in this house showing that the vote has been called, and during the proceedings with respect to that vote the clock has gone past ten o'clock. Something like that happened a few days ago and no objection was raised to completing the vote being discussed while the clock went past ten o'clock. That is precisely the situation we face tonight. The vote was called. There are precedents in our history to show that votes, once they are discussed, are not necessarily interrupted at ten o'clock.

The Chairman: Unless there are further comments on the point of order may I read to the committee standing order 6(5) (b):

When a sitting is extended pursuant to section (6) of this order, or when it is provided in any other standing order that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment shall be disposed of or concluded, the adjournment proceedings in that sitting shall be suspended and that sitting shall not be adjourned except pursuant to a motion to adjourn moved by a minister of the crown.

May I also refer hon. members to *Votes and Proceedings* of June 24, paragraph 4 which, referring to paragraph 3 of the recommendations of the special committee on procedure adopted on June 26, says:

—the operation of paragraph (3) of this order shall not in any way preclude the adoption of all items in the committee of supply and the enactment of supply bills based thereon within the thirty-day period prescribed therefor in sub-paragraph 5 (c) of the resolution adopted April 26, 1967;