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PRAYERS

And a point of order having been raised with respect to the appearance of a motion on the Notice Paper for concurrence in a report of a standing committee similar to a notice on the Order Paper;

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: The citation referred to by the honourable Member is of course well known. It is that only one question can be put to the House at the same time. But of course that does not answer the point made by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles).

It is long established practice, going back at least 100 years, that there could be more than one notice on the same subject appearing on the Order Paper. As the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre and the Parliamentary Secretary have indicated, at the present time there are a number of such instances on the Order Paper as of today, excluding the particular instance to which the honourable Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) has referred, where we have motions in exactly the same terms appearing for consideration of the House. Of course, again as one of the honourable Members said, it is when a decision has been taken by the House, and

when particularly the matter has been under discussion by the House, that the point raised by the honourable Member may be taken into account.

The honourable Member for Yukon referred to Standing Order 19. Of course Standing Order 19 is quite relevant, but that does not help the honourable Member's position at all. Standing Order 19 is to the effect that if a motion, put by an honourable Member, appearing on the Order Paper is not proceeded with, it falls to the bottom of the Order Paper, in the same sequence as it first appeared. So, I suggest it is only by consent of the House, and as a result of practice that has been developing, that motions that are not proceeded with immediately are allowed to stay in their position on the Order Paper.

If we agreed, as the honourable Member suggests, to put Standing Order 19 strictly into effect, then all the notices which appear on the Order Paper, including one in the name of the honourable Member for Yukon, would have disappeared a long time ago. I suggest to the honourable Member that his point is not well taken.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. Lang,—That