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2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Clermont, seconded by Mr. Danson, the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, presented to the House on Friday, January 16, 1970, was concurred in.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: Yesterday, the House will recall, when the motion listed in the name of the honourable Member for Athabasca (Mr. Yewchuk) was called, the Honourable President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) raised a point of order concerning the propriety of placing the notice of motion by the honourable Member under Routine Proceedings. The basis of the submission made by the Honourable President of the Privy Council was that in the absence of any authority from the Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development the honourable Member for Athabasca could propose his motion, since it purported to concur in a substantial proposal, only as a private Member's notice of motion.

Later in his comments the Honourable Minister suggested that the House should not adopt a practice whereby a private Member might raise a substantive question by means of a motion to concur in a report of a standing committee rather than by the other methods provided for such under our Standing Orders.

There may be considerable merit in that position, but on this occasion it is the sole and only duty of the Chair to look at the notice of motion to ensure that it has been prepared in accordance with the practices and the usage of this House.