

ment appoints a large number of women and minorities to the bench at this time.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 15 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think Your Honour will find that there is unanimous consent to revert to the tabling of documents.

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

● (2200)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the Government's response to the first report of the Special Committee on the Reform of the House of Commons, I have the honour to table the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders which will I am sure go a long way in making the House of Commons and committees more effective. There have been extensive consultations with both of the other Parties and with the Table officers respecting the drafting of these amendments. These are for tabling.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### PROVISIONAL STANDING ORDERS

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, therefore I believe there would be unanimous consent for the following motion to be put at this time and passed with limited debate.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** Does the Hon. President of the Privy Council have the unanimous consent to move his motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (for the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)** moved:

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order, the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders, laid upon the table earlier this day, be deemed to have been read, adopted and made Provisional Standing Orders of this House;

Provided that, unless otherwise ordered, the Provisional Standing Orders shall be in effect during the period commencing at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, September 9, 1985 and concluding at 10:59 o'clock a.m. on Monday, September 12, 1986; and

### Provisional Standing Orders

That the Clerk of the House be authorized and instructed to print a revised and renumbered edition of the Standing Orders integrating the Provisional Standing Orders and making any necessary amendments in consequence thereof.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I have just a brief word. I want to say that when I had the opportunity of stating the response on behalf of the Government to the first report of the Special Committee on the Reform of the House of Commons, that response took place after there had been full and, I think, fruitful consultations and discussions with my colleagues, the House Leaders of the opposition Parties. As a result, I think you will find that these new Provisional Standing Orders are based upon a mutual understanding and a mutual respect for the House of Commons and a mutual concern that the recommendations of the Special Committee on the Reform of the House of Commons be made to work.

When we reconvene next September 9, Mr. Speaker, it will be on a slightly different basis insofar as the rules respecting the election of the Speaker are concerned, although you, Mr. Speaker, will not be affected until by some stroke of fate you decide to offer yourself up for election in this House. This does not apply to the occupant of the chair at the present time.

I think that one of the most interesting parts of the proposals will be with respect to the concept of legislative committees. It will be a new endeavour on the part of the House.

We will try to make these rules work for the benefit of Members of Parliament and for the benefit of the people of Canada.

There are other changes that will take place in terms of Standing Orders to place the management of Private Members' Bills with the Table as opposed to the office of your humble servant, the Government House Leader, who has in effect had the responsibility of arranging the Private Members' Business. I can only say, Mr. Speaker, as much as I enjoyed that very distinguished task of serving my colleagues in the House, this will allow me to sit back and enjoy the speeches more, rather than rushing around and finding out who is up in the Private Members' hour at any particular time. I think that will be an interesting and a desirable change to the procedure, because it will put Private Members' Business with the Table and not with a representative of the Government. I think that is at least one move forward in the interest of free debate on the part of Private Members.

There are other items in the Standing Orders that we will be dealing with, which I suppose are important, but these are only, I think it is fair to say, the first steps on the journey toward parliamentary reform because we have the second and third reports to respond to.

I see the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) sitting here, the distinguished vice-chairman of the committee, who will understand that on the basis of those reports, and particularly the final report, the recommendations in respect to the committee system are very interesting, and very innovative and will mean quite a change if adopted in the way in which things operate in the committee system in this House.

I conclude with these few remarks simply by saying once again that I appreciate the co-operation I have had from both