

This is a *caveat* which would at least provide for the regularization of the Bill in respect of its present weaknesses concerning the lack of a Royal Recommendation which would be necessary in order for it to comply with the procedures of this House. I must refer honourable Members generally, although I am sure I do not have to bring it to the attention of the honourable Member who is proposing the Bill or the Parliamentary Secretary to Standing Order 62(1) which is quite clear. It provides: "This House shall not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to the House by a message from the Governor General in the session in which such vote, resolution, address or bill is proposed."

So, because of the provisions of the Standing Order and also because of the fact that another such bill was proposed in the previous Parliament, Bill C-11, An Act to amend the British North America Acts 1867 to 1965 which was meant to achieve about the same purpose, which was proposed by the government and to which was attached a Royal Recommendation which complied with Standing Order 62(1), I would not want the House to proceed with the consideration of Bill C-234 without giving a warning to honourable Members or without suggesting to the House that over and above the unanimous consent to proceed with Bill C-234 at this time, although it is not first on the list on the Order Paper, there should be an understanding that if it should come to a vote the Chair would reserve and delay such vote until there was a Royal Recommendation which would meet the obligations and requests of Standing Order 62 or make a definite decision at that time.

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As there seems to be complete understanding and agreement, the Chair will call the order and we will proceed with the debate. Perhaps I should say this is the second time the present occupant of the Chair has been faced with the same situation where there has been agreement to debate a bill in respect of which there was some procedural reservation. Again today, the Chair felt that it was unfair to take away from the time provided for such an important debate. It might be that the Chair and its advisors should look at the problem of making decisions upon procedural acceptability of bills a longer time in advance so that we do not lose time in reaching procedural decisions on bills on which there has already been agreement for debate.

Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. McKinley, moved,—That the Bill be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

After debate thereon, the debate was interrupted.

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That the Bill retain its precedence on the Order Paper.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), seconded by Mr. Orlikow, moved in amendment thereto,—That the Bill be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day six months hence.

And debate arising thereon;

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 6(5)(a), Mr. Olivier moved,—That this sitting continue beyond the ordinary hour of adjournment for the purpose of completing consideration of the second reading of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act.

And more than ten Members having risen to object, pursuant to Standing Order 6(5)(b), the motion was deemed to have been withdrawn.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

And on the motion of Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), seconded by Mr. Orlikow, in amendment thereto,—That the Bill be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day six months hence.

And debate continuing;

(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the question was deemed to have been adopted.

#### Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Blaker, Fleming, Roberts and Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier) for Messrs. Condon, Turner (London East), Baker (Gander-Twillington) and Landers on the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.