

House of Commons Procedures

(4) When it is provided in any Standing Order or in any order of the House that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment be forthwith disposed of or concluded, Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until the specified proceedings be completed.

2. That Section (1) of Standing Order 12 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 12, Section (1)

12. (1) Mr. Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order. In explaining a point of order or practice, he shall state the standing order or authority applicable to the case. No debate shall be permitted on any such decision, nor shall any such decision be subject to an appeal to the House.

3. That Sections (3) and (4) of Standing Order 15 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 15, Sections (3) and (4)

15. (3) Except as otherwise provided in these Standing Orders, the order of business for the consideration of the House, day-by-day, after the daily routine shall be as follows:

(Monday)

Questions.
Government orders.
(From six to seven o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)
Notices of Motions.

(Tuesday)

Government orders.
Questions.
(From six to seven o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)
Public bills.

(Wednesday)

Questions.
Notices of motions for the production of papers.
Government orders.
(From five to six o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)
Notices of motions.
Public bills.

(Thursday)

Government orders.
Questions.
(From six to seven o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)
A. On the first and each alternate Thursday thereafter:
Notices of motions (papers).
Private bills.
Public bills.
B. On the second and each alternate Thursday thereafter:
Private bills.
Notices of motions (papers).
Public bills.

(Friday)

Government orders.
Questions.
(From five to six o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)
Public bills.
Private bills.

(4) When a debate on a motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply is in progress at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on either a Monday or a Tuesday,

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the order for Private Members' Business on that day shall be suspended.

4. That Section (2) of Standing Order 31 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 31, Section (2)

31. (2) When the business of Private Members is being considered, no member shall speak for more than twenty minutes at a time.

5. That Section (5) of Standing Order 39 be enacted to read as follows:

Standing Order 39, Section (5)

39. (5) Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, questions on matters of urgency may be addressed orally to Ministers of the Crown, provided however that if in the opinion of Mr. Speaker a question is not urgent, he may direct that it be placed on the Order Paper, provided also that the time allowed for a question period prior to the calling of the Orders of the Day shall not exceed thirty minutes.

A member who is not satisfied with the answer given to a question asked on any day at this stage, or a member who has been told by Mr. Speaker that his question is not urgent, may give notice that he intends to raise the subject-matter of his question on the adjournment of the House. The notice referred to herein, whether or not it is given orally during the question period before the Orders of the Day, must be given in writing to Mr. Speaker not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. the same day.

6. That the Standing Orders be amended by adding thereto a new Standing Order 41-A, to read as follows:

Standing Order 41-A

41-A Unless notice of motion has been given under Standing Order 41, any member proposing to raise a question of privilege other than one arising out of proceedings in the Chamber during the course of a sitting shall give to the Speaker a written statement of the question at least one hour prior to raising the question in the House.

7. That Standing Order 43 be amended by adding thereto a new Section (2), to read as follows:

Standing Order 43, Section (2)

43. (2) When debate on any motion made under Standing Order 15 (2) is adjourned or interrupted, the order for resumption of the same shall be transferred to and considered under Government Orders.

8. That Standing Order 44 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 44

44. When a question is under debate no motion is received unless to amend it; to postpone it to a day certain; for the previous question; for reading the orders of the day; for proceeding to another order; to adjourn the debate; to extend the sitting of the House; or for the adjournment of the House.

9. That Section (4) of Standing Order 59 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 59, Section (4)

59. (4) The Chairman shall maintain order in the Committees of the Whole House, deciding all questions of order subject to an appeal to Mr. Speaker; but disorder in a committee can only be censured by the House, on receiving a report thereof. No debate shall be permitted on any decision.