

STANDING ORDERS 122, 125, 127, 129 and 130

The present standing orders 122, 125, 127, 129 and 130 read as follows:

122. A proper catalogue of the books belonging to the library shall be kept by the Librarians, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested, and who shall be required to report to the House through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each session, the actual state of the library.

Catalogue to be kept.

125. During the recess of parliament the library and reading room shall be open every day in each week, Sundays and holidays excepted, from the hour of ten in the morning till four in the afternoon; and access to the library shall be permitted to persons introduced by a member of either House, or admitted at the discretion of the Clerk or Librarians, subject to such regulations as may be deemed necessary for the security and preservation of the collection; but no one shall be allowed to take any book out of the library, except members of either House, and such others as may be authorized by the Speaker of either House.

Access to library during recess.

127. No other persons who may be privileged by card from the Speaker of either House to borrow books from the library, shall be allowed to have in their possession more than two works at any one time, or to retain the same longer than three weeks; and all such persons shall return the books so taken when required by the Librarians.

Other persons borrowing books.

129. At the first meeting of the Joint Library Committee at every session of parliament, the Librarians shall report a list of the books absent at the commencement of the session, specifying the names of any persons who have retained the same in contravention of either of the foregoing rules.

Report of books absent.

130. The Clerk of the House is authorized to subscribe for the newspapers published in the Dominion, and for such other papers, British and foreign, as may, from time to time, be directed by Mr. Speaker.

Subscriptions for newspapers.

These amendments propose the deletion of the word "Librarians" from the present standing orders 122, 125, 127 and 129 and the substitution therefor of the words "Parliamentary Librarian". In standing order 130, it is proposed that the words, "Clerk of the House" be deleted and that the words "Parliamentary Librarian" be substituted therefor.

These amendments will implement the recommendation of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library of Parliament which was concurred in by the House of Commons on June 23, 1954, and are consequential to the enactment of Bill No. 192 (Letter B of the Senate) intituled: "An Act to amend the Library of Parliament Act".