

*Procedure and Organization***BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****WESTERN AGRICULTURE, SUGGESTED DEBATE  
—PROCEDURE COMMITTEE REPORT,  
SUGGESTED ACTION**

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the President of the Privy Council. Since it is likely that the hon. gentleman will be meeting with the other house leaders later today, would he consider the possibility of discussing with them the use of one of the opposition allotted days to discuss the serious agricultural situation in the west, and at the same time discuss the possibility of asking the house to refer the report of the Committee on Procedure and Organization back to that committee in order that the committee may reconsider those portions of the report which have been found objectionable?

**An hon. Member:** Don't you trust your own house leader?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** I will be glad to consider the hon. member's suggestion, particularly the one with regard to agricultural policy.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**LABOUR RELATIONS****B.C. TELEPHONE STRIKE—INQUIRY AS TO  
ACTION BY MINISTER**

**Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. During his visit to western Canada was the minister in contact with either or both sides in the British Columbia Telephone Company dispute?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Not officially, Mr. Speaker, but I did meet with officials of the Department of Labour in the west and discussed with them very thoroughly the B.C. Telephone Company dispute. I can only reiterate what I have said on other occasions, that it is a perfectly legal strike. The Department of Labour has no intention of intervening, but I am sure we will take the initiative in bringing the sides together when we think the time is appropriate and when talks would be meaningful.

**Mr. Perrault:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have almost gone beyond the time allotted. There is time for one additional question. Perhaps the Opposition might be allowed to ask the last question.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****NIGERIAN RADIO BROADCAST OF ALLEGED  
STATEMENT BY BRIGADIER GENERAL  
HAMILTON**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether, following the tabling of the message of the High Commissioner at Lagos dated July 14, he has ascertained that Brigadier General Charles Hamilton was misquoted on the Nigerian government radio with regard to the use of starvation as a proper means of waging war? If he has not ascertained this, would he undertake to do so?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether any record is kept of what is said on the Nigerian radio, but I think the main point is that Brigadier Hamilton did not say the things he was alleged to have said.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION****MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT  
OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

The house resumed, from Wednesday, July 16, consideration of the motion of Mr. Blair that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin (page 10963).

• (3:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, may I comment at the outset on the dandy position in which I find myself when called to make a speech on procedure. What a time to be elected to that job! First the house leader says it is a useless filibuster. Second, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) says it is a stupid debate. Now at four o'clock we are about to adjourn for a meeting of minds. However, I have certain ideas and opinions which have been formed over the last few days on why we are in this impasse.

Today my opinions are confirmed when we see the arrogant, overbearing attitude of the government house leader. He could not be even civil or gracious in accepting the offer of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles). This was an olive branch offer that the minister, had he had common courtesy or respect for his own colleagues, should