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2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

The honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) having raised a point of order as to the consideration of a "Notice of Motion" filed Friday, November 7, 1969;

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: I have to tell the honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin)—and I believe he recognized this himself—that there is no precedent at all for the procedure he is suggesting now.

This may not be the proper approach, but I must say I am always a bit suspicious when an honourable Member proposes a procedure and, looking over 100 years of precedents, I cannot find a single precedent which applies; I suspect that if honourable Members had thought in the past that this was a procedure which was open to them they might have proposed it before, and rulings would have come from the Chair one way or another. Because of the circumstances I believe I can at this point give honourable Members the benefit of my reflections on the situation.

The honourable Member raised his question by way of a point of order concerning consideration of his Private Members' Notice of Motion which proposes the appointment of a committee for the purpose of bringing in a bill to amend the Farm Creditors Arrangement Act. In support of his argument and of the proposed procedure he referred to Standing Order 68(1), which reads as follows: "Every bill is introduced upon motion for leave, specifying the title of the bill; or upon motion to appoint a committee to prepare and bring it in."