Parole and Penitentiary Acts

The Government has three motions on the Order Paper which it would like to bring forward. I am advised that the three motions do not meet with the Chair's approval. However, we would be inclined to support those three particular motions, if the Liberal amendments are allowed to be introduced and briefly discussed at report stage.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This started out as an understanding that there was agreement among the Parties.

Mr. Lewis: There is.

Mr. Speaker: I take it there is agreement to waive notice. If the Hon. Member will send me his motions, I will attempt to deal with whether they are in order. The motions which are on the Order Paper are out of order. I have a ruling to that effect which is quite lengthy. I take it the Chair is being asked to find some way to allow a motion to be put which the Chair finds to be out of order, and I do not think the Chair can do that.

I cannot rule upon the motions of the Hon. Member for York South—Weston until I have seen them. I take it that it is now proposed that we call Bill C-106. However, since we are doing matters by consent, in order to guide further the matter which the Chair thought was called, the Chair is ready to read into the record the remainder of the ruling with regard to Bill C-67. With the approval of the House, I think it would be wise to get that matter on to the record so that Hon. Members who have to deal with it will then know where the Chair stands.

Mr. Redway: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Could you clarify that Bill C-67 will be called immediately after C-106?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. When Bill C-106 is before the House, what the Government calls thereafter is the Government's business.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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PAROLE ACT AND PENITENTIARY ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-67, an Act to amend the Parole Act and the Penitentiary Act, as reported (with amendments) from the legislative committee.

Mr. Speaker: At this point I should like to indicate the Chair's view in respect of Bill C-67, and then I will deal with the point of order by the Hon. Member for Trinity (Miss Nicholson). There are 39 report stage motions on today's Notice Paper in amendment to Bill C-67, an Act to amend the Parole Act and the Penitentiary Act.

Motion No. 1 presents the Chair with some procedural difficulty. It goes beyond the scope of the Bill as passed by the House at second reading stage, in that it gives powers to the

standing committee which it does not presently have over Order in Council appointments. The committee cannot initiate appointments and this motion, if adopted, would give the committee a veto power. For these reasons, it is my intention to rule this motion out of order.

Motion No. 1A has been carried. Motions Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 27 have been negatived.

Motion No. 4 was moved and negatived in committee. As these amendments were on the Notice Paper prior to the rule changes relating to the selection of amendments, I have decided to allow the motion to be put. It will, however, be grouped with Motion No. 29, with separate divisions on both motions.

Motions Nos. 5, 6, and 7 attempt to reach into the Criminal Code and import portions of Section 687, which was not contemplated in the Bill when it was read by the House a second time. Therefore, I intend to rule the motions out of order.

As with Motions Nos. 5, 6, and 7, Motion No. 12 also reaches into a section of the Criminal Code which was not considered by the House during second reading debate. Therefore, it is beyond the scope of the Bill, and I will rule it out of order.

Motions Nos. 13, 13A, and 14 will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Motion No. 15 tries to introduce a new concept into the Bill. While an inmate already has the right to appeal on the basis of law, granting him the right to appeal on any ground of law or fact or mixed law or fact is a new concept and clearly beyond the scope of the Bill as passed by the House at second reading. I intend, therefore, to rule the motion out of order.

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Motions Nos. 16 and 17 affect the same lines in the Bill and both are in order. However, after consultation with the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson), the Chair will select only Motion No. 17 for debate and Motion No. 16 will be dropped from the Notice Paper.

Motions Nos. 17, 18, 18A, 19, 20 and 20A will be combined for debate. Motion No. 17 will be voted on separately. A vote on Motion No. 18 will also apply to Motions Nos. 19 and 20. Motions Nos. 18A and 20A will be voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 21 and 22 will be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 23, 23A will be the object of separate debates and separate votes.

Motions Nos. 24, 25, 31 and 32 will be grouped for debate. A vote on Motion No. 24 will also apply to Motions Nos. 25, 31 and 32.

Motion No. 26 will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 28 and 30 both seek to amend Clause 11 of the Bill. After consultation with the Hon. Member for