

Members. We hope to carry on and complete the debate in the course of the afternoon in accordance with this Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion. Does the Government House Leader have unanimous consent to move the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members have heard the terms of the motion. Before I put the motion there is one small matter the Chair must ask about. The Chair assumes it is the intent of this motion to, without saying it directly, deal with the amendment to Bill C-11, the six-month hoist.

**Mr. Deans:** All matters.

**Mr. Speaker:** May the Chair and table assume that it was the intention of this motion to state that that amendment would, with consent, be withdrawn?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the—

**Mr. Deans:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry, Sir, there is one thing that strikes me in that request. I want to be sure that, in agreeing to the withdrawal, that will not inhibit any Member who may have spoken prior to the introduction of the six-month hoist from speaking again. In other words, those Members who spoke prior to the introduction of the six-month hoist will be entitled to enter the debate as if the six-month hoist provision remained in effect throughout the debate until the question is put at 3.55 p.m., or at whatever time the question is put.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, that seems to be reasonable.

**Mr. Speaker:** Since we are adopting an extraordinary procedure today I suppose it would not hurt to have another extraordinary procedure adopted. We will therefore assume—well, perhaps the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) will excuse me if I do not say we will assume that no one spoke. I think the way we will treat that for procedural purposes is that we will now deem there is an instruction that the six-month hoist amendment is to be withdrawn, with unanimous consent, at the very end of the debate.

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Which I think achieves the purposes of the House. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? The Hon. Member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Baker).

**Mr. Baker:** Mr. Speaker, that does not get over the problem of someone who has spoken to the six-month hoist and who will then not be able to speak to the motion. You are not getting over the problem.

**Mr. Speaker:** What I was asked to get over was the problem of people who have spoken before the amendment was moved.

### *Standing Committees*

Does the Hon. Member want to confer with his House Leader?

**Mr. Baker:** No, I—

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I think it is the disposition of the respective House Leaders on behalf of their groups that, if a person wants to take part in the debate today, the fact that he or she will have spoken either on the main motion or the six-month hoist will not prevent them from doing so.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall we adopt the motion as I indicated it would be adopted and assume that what the House wants to happen will happen?

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Does that get around the problem? How the Table will deal with that is, well, the Table's problem! All I have to do at the moment is to ask the House whether it consents unanimously to the introduction. The House consents. Does the House adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 69(1)

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of State (Government House Leader)):** I have a further point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Not again, Ray.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** We may be able to conclude the business of the country into 1986 if we have this kind of co-operation.

I have another straightforward matter that I would now like to bring to the House by way of unanimous consent. I have discussed and given the Opposition House Leaders this Order to facilitate the reconvening of committees following the recess of Christmas. Under the Standing Orders the Striking Committee is required once again to be reconstituted and go through the whole process of naming Members to the committees. It was thought to be more expeditious for us, and everyone will understand this, to put forward the following draft Order. I think you will find there will be unanimous consent and approval for the following:

That the provisions of Standing Order 69(1) shall be suspended until 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, December 20, 1985, or in any event at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the last sitting day in 1985, provided that the recommendations contained in the first report of the Striking Committee concurred in on Friday, November 16, 1984 shall remain in effect until that time.

That would allow the presently constituted Standing Committees of the House of Commons to continue to function throughout the next year.