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Then I went on to deal with that point. My situation at that time was that whatever I may have felt personally about the situation, I felt that I had to follow the rules that we have. If the House, which it has not done, were at some point to grant to the Speaker—any speaker—the power to judge the reasonableness of the use of this rule then I would have no hesitation in doing so. I hope I would do it on the basis of common sense on the circumstances.

Also I think I would reach back to over 20 years in this place and apply some of my experience in that manner. I have to advise the House that the rule is clear. It is within the government's discretion to use it. I cannot find any lawful way that I can exercise a discretion which would unilaterally break a very specific rule.

I have listened to this debate. I have listened to the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona and others. For very real reasons it is a matter that should have been discussed in the House today. This is especially because the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona was one of the active and very helpful members of the reform committee that was set up consisting of all parties some years ago and has taken a great interest in the reform of our rules.

I have to say, with I hope some sympathy and I hope some understanding from the House, that I feel I am not in a lawful position to unilaterally exercise a discretion in the face of the rule that is in front of us.

Therefore I have put the motion and I must ask the House.

ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER SECOND READING  
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**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

Government Orders

(Division No. 454)

YEAS

Members

Anderson	Andre
Atkinson	Attewell
Beatty	Belsher
Bertrand	Bjornson
Blackburn (Jonquière)	Blais
Blenkarn	Bouchard (Roberval)
Bourgault	Brightwell
Browes	Cadieux
Chadwick	Champagne (Champlain)
Chartrand	Clark (Brandon—Souris)
Clifford	Cole
Cooper	Corbeil
Corbett	Côté
Couture	Crosbie (St. John's West)
Crosby (Halifax West)	Danis
Darling	DeBlois
de Cotret	Della Noce
Desjardins	Dick
Dobbie	Dorin
Duplessis	Fee
Feltham	Ferland
Fontaine	Friesen
Gibeau	Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Greene	Gustafson
Halliday	Hawkes
Hockin	Hogue
Holtmann	Horner
Horning	Hudon
Hughes	Jacques
James	Johnson
Jourdenais	Kempling
Landry	Langlois
Larrivée	Layton
Lewis	Littlechild
Loiselle	Lopez
MacDonald (Rosedale)	MacKay
Marin	Martin (Lincoln)
Mayer	McCreath
McDermid	McKnight
McLean	Merrithew
Monteith	Moore
Nicholson	Oberle
O'Kurley	Paproski
Plourde	Porter
Pronovost	Redway
Reid	Reimer
Ricard	Robitaille
Roy-Arcelin	Saint-Julien
Scott (Victoria—Haliburton)	Shields
Siddon	Sobeski
Soetens	Stevenson
Tardif	Thacker
Thompson	Tremblay (Québec-Est)
Tremblay (Lotbinière)	Valcourt
Van De Walle	Vankoughnet
Vien	Vincent
Weiner	Wilbee
Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia)	Winegard
Wilson (Etobicoke Centre)	
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