

to the attention of the House during Routine Proceedings yesterday. The honourable Member's statement is reported at pages 8708 and 8709 of yesterday's *Hansard* as follows: "On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, it has been my understanding that before debate commences on a given government item it must be on the Order Paper for 48 hours. To my knowledge it was impossible for Government Order 82 to be on the Order Paper for 48 hours because the Standing Committee on Agriculture only submitted its findings to the House on June 26, the last sitting day before the summer recess, and no Order Paper has been published since that day. Therefore I doubt whether, without unanimous consent of the House, we can deal with this item until it has been on the Order Paper for 48 hours."

As I said, this is essentially and basically the point of order which has been raised for the consideration of the House by the honourable Member for Crowfoot. This is a relatively new Standing Order of course and the practise in relation to Standing Order 75 has not yet been established completely. Because of this, I have indicated to the House my view that the matter is one which deserves serious attention. The point has been the subject of an interesting debate this afternoon and this evening and in the light of the advice extended to the Chair, I think I should at this time give a ruling.

The facts as presented by the honourable Member for Crowfoot, by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Macdonald, Rosedale) this afternoon, the the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) and the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) are basically not controverted. There is agreement on the sequence of events in relation to this matter.

The report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture was Tabled in the House on Friday, June 26 last, as appears in the *Votes and Proceedings* for that date.

This was the day on which Parliament recessed for the summer adjournment. As is the usual practice, distribution was made of these *Votes and Proceedings* the following Monday, June 29. The House met after the summer recess on Monday, October 5. Again as is the practice, during the week before the resumption of the business of the House on October 5, the Order Paper was distributed to honourable Members. That Order Paper carried as a Government Order the entry dealing with the report stage of Bill C-196. According to the Notice Paper appended to today's Order Paper, a number of motions standing in the name of the honourable Member for Crowfoot and other honourable Members were received prior to 6 p.m. yesterday, October 5. Standing Order 75 deals with the report stage of Public Bills following their consideration in committee.

Honourable Members have referred the Chair to sections (3), (5) and (8) of Standing Order 75. Perhaps for the record I may be allowed to quote sections (3) and (5) of the relevant Standing Order.

Standing Order 73(3) says: "The report stage of any bill reported by any standing or special committee shall not be taken into consideration prior to forty-eight hours following the presentation of the said report, unless otherwise ordered by the House."

Standing Order 75(5) reads as follows: "If, not later than twenty-four hours prior to the consideration of a report stage, written notice is given of any motion to amend, delete, insert or restore any clause in a bill, it shall be printed on a notice paper".