

*Point of Order—Mr. Nielsen*

ness of the House. In order to present it in a logical fashion, I believe it would be of assistance if we were to backtrack for one week.

First, the business for the consideration of the House was announced a week ago last Thursday, February 4, by the government House leader. At that time he announced that Friday, February 12 would be set aside—designated, as the Standing Orders say—for the consideration of an allotted day.

Let me say at this stage that it may well be that during the presentation of the argument on this point, I may inadvertently reflect on part or parts of the ruling which you made yesterday, which I have not had the opportunity of reading in *Hansard* because I do not have *Hansard*. Let me assure you that it is not my intention in any manner whatsoever to reflect on the ruling of the Chair of yesterday, should I unintentionally transgress on that ground.

Let me read now the Order Paper following upon the announcement Thursday by the government House leader, the Order Paper and Notices for Friday, February 5, 1982. At page 2 the Chair will note that Friday, February 12, has been designated as (*Allotted Day—Supply*). That is in italics and in brackets. It follows the item Government Orders which in turn follows the item Questions on the Order Paper. In the same Order Paper and Notices for that date there appears at page VII the following entry:

NOTICES OF SUPPLY PROCEEDINGS  
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER  
58(4)(a)

Note: Friday, February 12, 1982—Third allotted day for the supply period ending March 26, 1982.

I submit that from that moment on an opposition member could have filed a notice of motion under Standing Order 58.

The Order Paper for Monday, February 8, 1982 is exactly the same, save for the exception that the item “Friday, February 12, Questions on the Order Paper, Government Orders (*Allotted Day—Supply*)” has moved up one notch because, of course, Friday has disappeared, the business of that day having been disposed of. Again in that Order Paper of Monday, February 8, we find at page III at the back of the Order Paper the same notice given under 58(4)(a) under supply.

Again the next day of that week, Tuesday, February 9, 1982, the Order Paper carries the item on page 2, again having moved up one slot, the business of Monday having been disposed of. Again the designation (*Allotted Day—Supply*) appears there. Again on that Order Paper for Tuesday, February 9, at page v, we find the same notice of supply proceedings designating the allotted day for the following Friday.

On Wednesday, February 10, the Order Paper and Notices again carries the item on page 2. Again it has moved up one slot, but still it is there, designated as an allotted day. At page IX of the Order Paper for February 10, the same notice as has appeared on the preceding Order Papers appears again.

On Thursday, February 11, yesterday, on page 2 of the Order Paper we see that the top item, because the item has moved up day by day until it is at the top of the Order Paper

for Thursday, reads, “Friday, February 12, Questions on the Order Paper, Government Orders”, and the next item in brackets and italics, is (*Allotted Day—Supply*).

Again at page XI there appears, and I will read it again because at this stage it becomes critical to my point of order:

NOTICES OF SUPPLY PROCEEDINGS  
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER  
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Note: Friday, February 12, 1982—Third allotted day for the supply period ending March 26, 1982.

I want to emphasize and underline the fact that that notice, which has been carried throughout the week and the preceding Friday, stipulated, following the word “Note”, the date Friday, February 12, 1982. I underscore that.

As the Chair appreciates, under our Standing Orders there must be 24 hours’ notice filed in order to set the allotted day down for debate. It is past history that notice of that motion was set down at 1.12 in the afternoon of Thursday, February 11. The motion that was set down first, I point out, bore no date. It was as follows:

NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT  
TO STANDING ORDER  
58(9)

That in the opinion of this House the government should immediately implement the recommendations contained in a letter to the Prime Minister, dated February 3, 1982, signed by the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of State (Mr. Joyal) and certain Members of Parliament, which urged the government to proceed with the “immediate creation” of two new programs to create employment in key sectors of the economy by stimulating domestic housing construction and by launching a program to enable private enterprise to hire young Canadians, and the House strongly endorses the position of the authors of the said letter when they wrote:

“Mr. Prime Minister, we urge you to adopt these measures as soon as possible, because we are convinced that they are necessary right now . . .”

● (1220)

I underscore that that motion was set down by notice at 1.12 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, well within the time required by the Standing Orders to set it down. I should also add that I did place on the motion a restriction as to its release. I placed a restriction that it was to be released at 6 p.m. yesterday. However, that release does not stop the mechanics of the House of Commons from operating.

As I am sure the Chair appreciates, the motion is then normally passed to *Journals* where copies are no doubt made for the translators, the typists and whatever other procedures there are which require copies. My point is that the machinery is immediately set in motion so that the motion can appear on the next day’s Order Paper, as indeed is the long-established practice and custom of the House of Commons.

I would now point out that on today’s Order Paper—incidentally, I did receive today’s Order Paper early this morning as well as the *Votes and Proceedings*, but not *Hansard*—we see a change on page 2, the last item, “Friday, February 19”. It is no longer Friday, February 12. Then there is Questions on Order Paper. Government Orders is the next item, and the next item in italics is (*Allotted Day—Supply*).