

In the opinion of the Chair it must follow that when it is not open to any and every Member of a Standing Committee to call an organizational meeting of the committee, there is no breach of the privilege of the honourable Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) in the failure of his effort on the 2nd of December, 1969, to call a meeting of the Standing Committee.

In proposition (b), the Committee on Privileges and Elections would be asked to consider "whether there has been a breach of the privileges of all Members of this House in the neglect, by that Member who may be charged with the duty of calling a meeting of the Standing Committee on Regional Development in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65(2), of such duty to call a meeting of that committee as soon as possible after the commencement of this session".

The considerations which apply to part (a) of the motion, I suggest, are equally relevant to part (b) of the honourable Members' proposition.

In finding that a question of the privileges of the House is not *prima facie* involved in this motion, I am making a procedural decision the effect of which will not prevent the further discussion by the House of the matters in issue. The effect is to refuse precedence to this discussion but not to prevent it.

If honourable Members will refer to the decision of Mr. Speaker Michener reported in the *Journals* of the House of Commons for June 19, 1959, at pages 582 to 586 thereof, they will observe that Speaker Michener's decision, in analagous circumstances, ruled that when a private Members' motion is not *prima facie* a question of privilege, it must be placed under the heading Private Members' Notices of Motion."

It is my decision that the Notice of the Motion filed by the honourable Member for St. John's East, in accordance with the precedent to which I have referred and other precedents, should remain on the "Order Paper" under the heading of "Private Members' Notices of Motions".

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Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale),—That Bill C-7, An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways System and Air Canada for the period from the 1st day of January, 1969, to the 30th day of June, 1970, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

And on the motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mrs. MacInnis, in amendment thereto,—That the word "now" be deleted and that the words "this day six months hence" be added at the end of the motion.

And debate continuing;

(*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*)

At ten o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.