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Combines Investigation Act and on that day I moved the following motion which was seconded as a matter of fact, by the hon. member for Peace River. It read:

That this day's sitting of the house continue without the usual intermission at one o'clock p.m. and at 6.15 o'clock p.m., and that the house shall not be adjourned at ten o'clock p.m. this day.

This reference appears at page 2253 of *Hansard*.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that motion which referred to this day's sitting was debated all day. There were several amendments made and there were some recorded divisions. In the divisions the Liberals and the Social Crediters supported us and the Conservatives opposed us and at the end of the day the Speaker adjourned the house because it was ten o'clock. The proceedings on that motion were interrupted. Did the house take it up the next day where it was left off?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Knowles: Did standing order 7 apply to that motion? No. It referred to this day; "this day" being Thursday, December 20, 1951. That day was spent so the motion never came up again.

I am just drawing that to your attention, sir. The Prime Minister in his motion wants this sitting of the committee to carry over from yesterday to today but on the occasion I referred to, "this day's sitting" in my motion was interpreted as applying only to the day on which it was moved and when the motion was not carried by ten o'clock that night it fell by the way, as I think the Prime Minister's motion should have done last night.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Cannon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I simply wish to finish the argument I had started to make previously. My argument was to the effect that in my humble opinion the hon. member for Eglinton, after having manoeuvred in such a way as to get himself put out of the house—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Cannon: —was not doing a very gracious thing in attacking the Deputy Speaker in the way he did for having done the very thing he more or less forced him to do. That was one point.

On the other point as to the making of a farce of parliamentary procedure, I might say it certainly is a farce to hear hon. members on the other side talking about making a farce of parliamentary procedure because that is what they have done, Mr. Chairman. They have, since the beginning of this debate—

Some hon. Members: Order.

[Mr. Knowles.]

Mr. Nicholson: This is in order as a speech but not as a point of order.

Mr. Cannon: It is in order because it relates to the remarks made by the hon. member for Eglinton. I am speaking to the point of order but in order not to hold up the decision on the point of order I will be willing to resume my seat now and then speak later on in the evening in this debate.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, one subject only I think should be put before you by me and that is with reference to the Prime Minister's suggestion that standing order 7 governs the situation here.

The Prime Minister suggested that because the motion he made yesterday at the opening of the committee's proceedings had not been disposed of at ten o'clock last night, it came under standing order 7, which provides:

At the ordinary time of adjournment of the house, unless otherwise provided, the proceedings shall be interrupted and the business under consideration at the termination of the sitting shall stand over until the next sitting day when it will be taken up at the same stage where its progress was interrupted.

I suggest to you, Mr. Chairman, that standing order clearly applies only to debatable motions. This is a motion which the rules clearly establish must be put forthwith, without amendment and without debate. How can you report progress in the sense that is intended in standing order 7 on a non-debatable motion? If it is in order, that motion should be put forthwith. It is not the sort of motion on which you report progress.

Mr. Pearson: We will remember that.

Mr. Sinclair: Too bad you did not make this point last week.

Mr. Pickersgill: Two-way Fulton.

An hon. Member: Wrong-way Fulton.

Mr. Fulton: The government was not able to get this motion through because of the tactics they had adopted and therefore the motion should fall at ten o'clock at night and it requires renewal. It is not the sort of motion on which you can say that you ask the Speaker to rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again and then have the same motion under consideration at the beginning of the next day's sitting. It is a sudden-death motion; that is clear. It is a sudden-death motion, and unless it is put by the end of the sitting day on which it is moved then it requires to be moved again. You cannot have it under consideration from day to day.

I submit that the Prime Minister's suggestion of the application of standing order 7 is not well founded.