

Of course Standing Order 42 requires unanimous consent, and certainly if unanimous consent could be obtained it would not even be necessary to make a ruling on this point of order. However the citation refers to Standing Order 41 on which the honourable Member for Winnipeg South Centre based his case.

The honourable Member referred to a precedent in 1951 which I have also consulted and which, I might say, causes a slight problem, and that is based on Standing Order 41 to the effect that the motions allowed on Routine Proceedings are motions relating to the business of the House. Of course the motion relates to the business of the House but there is no indication that notice of such motions is dispensed with. This type of motion can be considered but it will require notice. It is obvious to me that the exception dealing with the hours of sitting on one particular day was very limited in application. I am assured there is not a single precedent for it other than the one that was referred to, and it seems to me that since then our procedure has evolved. It has been suggested sometimes that our procedure has become stagnant but perhaps it is not stagnant to that extent since it appears to change to the extent where Beauchesne's citation 88(2) states: "All motions referring to the business of the House should be introduced by the Leader of the House."

However such a motion introduced by the Government Leader would require notice.

For these reasons I regret very much that it is not possible for me to accept the motion as proposed by the honourable Member for Winnipeg South Centre.

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Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Walker, moved,—That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, Human Rights, and Citizenship and Immigration, presented to the House on Thursday, January 26, 1967, be concurred in.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said Report was concurred in, and is as follows:

On Wednesday, July 13, 1966, the House ordered that the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, Human Rights and Citizenship and Immigration be empowered to adjourn from place to place within Canada for the purpose of obtaining further information relating to matters affecting Indians and Indian communities; and that, for this purpose, the said Committee be authorized to sit while the House is sitting or during adjournments of the House; and that the Clerk of the Committee and necessary supporting staff do accompany the said Committee.

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Order, your Committee recommends that it be empowered to appoint Subcommittees of not less than five members, which will report to the Main Committee but will enjoy all the other powers which have been granted to the Committee.

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Hellyer, seconded by Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne),—That Bill C-243, An Act to amend the National Defence Act and other Acts in consequence thereof, be now read a second time.

And debate continuing;