

*Standing Orders*

"48. Except as otherwise provided in any Standing or Special Order of the House, and unless otherwise disposed of, at not later than 6.00 o'clock p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, or 3.00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, on the fifteenth sitting day following the date on which a notice of motion made pursuant to Standing Order 46(2) appeared on the Order Paper, the same shall be deemed to have been moved and adopted by the House."

That sections 2 and 3 of Standing Order 55 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) When second reading or third reading of a government bill is being considered, no Member except the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition shall speak for more than:

(a) forty minutes if that Member is the first, second or third speaker;

(b) twenty minutes following the first three speakers, if that Member begins to speak within the next eight hours of consideration when second reading is being considered or within the next four hours of consideration when third reading is being considered; and following the speech of each Member a period not exceeding ten minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow Members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses thereto;

(c) ten minutes if a Member speaks thereafter.

(3) When the business of private Members is being considered, no Member shall speak for more than ten minutes, provided that the Member moving the item may speak for not more than twenty minutes."

That Standing Order 65(2) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) A Member who is not satisfied with the response to a question asked on any day at this stage, or a Member who has been told by the Speaker that the question is not urgent, may give notice that he or she intends to raise the subject matter of the question on the adjournment of the House. The notice referred to herein, whether or not it is given orally during the oral question period provided pursuant to Standing Order 19(4), must be given in writing to the Speaker not later than one hour following that period the same day."

That Standing Order 68(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"68. (1) Forty-eight hours' notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a bill, resolution or address, for the appointment of any committee, for placing a question on the Order Paper or for the consideration of any notice of motion made pursuant to Standing Order 46(2); but this rule shall not apply to bills after their introduction, or to private bills, or to the times of meeting or adjournment of the House. Such notice shall be laid on the Table before 6.00 o'clock p.m. (on a Friday before 3.00 o'clock p.m. or filed thereafter with the Clerk before 5.00 o'clock p.m.), and be printed in the Notice Paper of that day. Any notice filed with the Clerk pursuant to this section shall thereupon be deemed to have been laid on the Table in that sitting."

That Standing Order 70(2) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) When a debate on any motion made after the start of the sitting (after 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Fridays) and prior to the reading of an Order of the Day is adjourned or interrupted, the order for resumption of the debate shall be transferred to and considered under Government Orders."

That paragraph (a) of Standing Order 82(4) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(4)(a) Forty-eight hours' written notice shall be given of motions to concur in interim supply, main estimates, supplementary or final estimates, to restore or reinstate any item in the estimates. Twenty-four hours' written notice shall be given of an opposition motion on an allotted day or of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates, provided that for the supply period ending not later than June 30, forty-eight hours' written notice shall be given of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates."

That Standing Order 82(5) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(5) For the period ending not later than December 10, six sitting days shall be allotted to the business of supply. Nine additional days shall be allotted to the business of supply in the period ending not later than March 26. Ten additional days shall be allotted to the business of supply in the period ending not later than June 30. These twenty-five days are to be designated as allotted days."

That paragraphs (a) and (b) of Standing Order 82(15) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(a) Not later than the third sitting day prior to May 31, the Leader of the Opposition may give notice during the time specified in Standing Order 68(1) of a motion to extend consideration of the main estimates of a named department or agency and the said motion shall be deemed adopted when called on 'Motions' on the last sitting day prior to May 31;

(b) On the sitting day immediately preceding the final allotted day, but in any case not later than ten sitting days following the day on which any motion made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section is adopted, at not later than 6.00 o'clock p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, or 3.00 o'clock p.m. on a Friday, the said committee shall report, or shall be deemed to have reported, the main estimates for the said department or agency; and"

That Standing Order 89(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"89. (1)(a) At the commencement of the first session of each Parliament, a Striking Committee of seven Members, the membership of which shall continue from session to session, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report to the House within the first ten sitting days after its appointment, and thereafter, within the first ten sitting days after the commencement of each session and within the first ten sitting days after the Monday following Labour Day, lists of Members to compose the standing committees of the House and to act for the House on standing joint committees.

(b) The Striking Committee shall not present a second report pursuant to this Standing Order between the Monday following Labour Day and the end of that calendar year."

That Standing Order 89(3) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(3) The Striking Committee shall also prepare and report lists of Members to act for the House on the following standing joint committees:

(a) Official Languages, to consist of fifteen members; and

(b) Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, to consist of eight members.

Provided that a sufficient number of members of the said joint committees shall be appointed so as to keep the same proportion in such committees as between the memberships of both Houses."

That the following new section be added after Standing Order 92(2):

"(3)(a) Notwithstanding Standing Order 96(1), no standing or standing joint committee shall sit at the same time as a legislative committee on a bill emanating from or principally affecting the same department or agency.

(b) During periods coinciding with the hours of sittings of the House, priority shall be given to the meetings of legislative committees over those of standing, special and joint committees.

(c) During periods when the House stands adjourned, priority shall be given to meetings of standing, special and joint committees, according to the schedule established from time to time by the Chief Government Whip, in consultation with representatives of the other parties."

That the following new paragraph be inserted immediately after paragraph (b) of Standing Order 92(4):

"(c) The Liaison Committee shall be empowered to report from time to time to the House."

That Standing Order 93(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"93. (1) Without anticipating the decision of the House, within five sitting days after the commencement of debate on second reading of a bill which is to be referred to a legislative committee, the Striking Committee shall meet to prepare, and shall report not later than the following Thursday, a list of members of such a legislative committee, which shall consist of not more than thirty Members and which shall be organized only in the event that the House adopts the motion for second reading and reference to a legislative committee of the said bill. Upon the presentation of such a report of the Striking Committee, the same shall be deemed adopted."

That sections (4), (5), (6) and (7) of Standing Order 93 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(4) When the Chairman appointed pursuant to section (2) of this Standing Order is unable to act in that capacity at or during a meeting of the legislative committee, the Chairman shall designate a member of the committee to act as