

Minister of the Province of Quebec, requesting emergency powers. (French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-5/164.

(2) Copy of a letter, dated October 15, 1970, addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada by the President of the Executive Committee and the Mayor of the City of Montreal requesting assistance from superior levels of government. (French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-5/164A.

(3) Copy of a letter dated October 15, 1970, addressed to the Mayor and the President of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal by the Director of the Police Department of the City of Montreal, requesting the assistance of superior levels of government. (French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-5/164B.

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That the said letters be printed as an appendix to this day's *Hansard*.

Debate continued on the motion of Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton).—That the House approves the action of the government in invoking the powers of the War Measures Act to meet the state of apprehended insurrection in the Province of Quebec as communicated to the Prime Minister by the Government of Quebec and the civic authorities of Montreal and further approves the orders and regulations tabled today by the Prime Minister on the clear understanding that the proclamation invoking the powers as contained in the regulations will be revoked on or before April 30, 1971 unless a resolution authorizing their extension beyond the date specified has been approved by the House.

And debate continuing;

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That this day's sitting be interrupted at 5.00 o'clock p.m., and be resumed at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton).—That the House approves the action of the government in invoking the powers of the War Measures Act to meet the state of apprehended insurrection in the Province of Quebec as communicated to the Prime Minister by the Government of Quebec and the civic authorities of Montreal and further approves the orders and regulations tabled today by the Prime Minister on the clear understanding that the proclamation invoking the powers as contained in the regulations will be revoked on or before April 30, 1971 unless a resolution authorizing their extension beyond the date specified has been approved by the House.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Aiken, proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That the motion be amended by striking out all the words after "that" and adding the following:

"the government should forthwith introduce legislative proposals to meet the conditions referred to in the motion."

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Without going into the details of the situation I am sure the honourable Member for Peace River, who knows so much about rules, Standing Orders and precedents, will agree that it is difficult for the Chair to accept this interesting amendment from a procedural standpoint. I indicated to honourable Members before the House rose that in my view this motion brought in an entirely new proposition. I concluded that on this basis the amendment was not acceptable. In support of this view I refer honourable Members to Beauchesne's fourth edition, citation 203, paragraph (5) which reads:

"An amendment was ruled out because it raised a new question which could only be considered on a distinct motion after notice."

This is the suggestion I respectfully make to the honourable Member at this time. I also refer honourable Members to citation 202(12) which reads as follows:

"An amendment proposing a direct negative, is out of order."

Honourable Members realize that the way to express their approval of a motion before the House is to vote against it rather than to propose an amendment which is in fact a direct negative. I will spare honourable Members other citations with which I was occupied during the dinner hour.

I am not suggesting that the motion now before the House cannot be amended. I have no doubt that it can. I certainly do not want to use the rules to prevent legitimate amendments, but in the case of this suggested amendment, I respectfully submit to honourable Members that it cannot be put at this time.

By unanimous consent it was ordered,—That this day's sitting be terminated at 10.00 o'clock p.m.; that the House shall meet at 11.00 o'clock a.m. Saturday, October 17, 1970, rise at 1.00 o'clock p.m. and resume at 2.00 o'clock p.m. and continue to sit until all members, who wish to do so, have spoken on the motion now before the House, when it will be deemed that a recorded division has been demanded and deferred until after Routine Proceedings on Monday, October 19, 1970, provided that Monday's sitting shall be the fifth appointed day for the Address Debate, and the House shall meet at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

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