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### PRAYERS

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be now read a second time and be referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

And on the motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Crouse, in amendment thereto,—That all the words after “That” be struck out and there be substituted the following:

“this House, deeply conscious of the need to increase the Old Age Security pension so as to reflect the full increase in the Consumer Price Index since January 1, 1967 to date with adjustments to the Guaranteed Income Supplement, is of the opinion that the Government should consider the advisability of introducing appropriate amendments to effect such changes to the present limited terms of the Bill.”

### RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before the Chair recognizes the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre I might refer to the ruling that I indicated I would make when this matter was before the House on Wednesday last. At that time the honourable Member for Humber-St.

George's-St. Barbe proposed an amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill C-207, an Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, in the following words: “this House, deeply conscious of the need to increase the Old Age Security pension so as to reflect the full increase in the Consumer Price Index since January 1, 1967, to date with adjustments to the Guaranteed Income Supplement, is of the opinion that the government should consider the advisability of introducing appropriate amendments to effect such changes to the present limited terms of the bill.”

At that time, as recorded at page 2154 of *Hansard*, the Chair indicated certain misgivings about the form of the proposed amendment and suggested that the amendment did not appear to meet the requirements of a reasoned amendment, either in form or in purport. At page 527 of May's 17th edition three rules are set down concerning the categories or, better still, the forms of a reasoned amendment. The descriptions of the categories or forms of that kind of amendment are as follows: “(1) It may be declaratory of some principle adverse to, or differing from, the principles, policy or provisions of the bill.

(2) It may express opinions as to any circumstances connected with the introduction or prosecution of the bill, or otherwise opposed to its progress.