

PERMANENT PROPOSAL 2

Library of Parliament

That Standing Orders 120 to 128, inclusive, concerning the administration of the Library of Parliament, being Part III of the Standing Orders, be repealed.

Explanatory Notes:

By virtue of the Library of Parliament Act, the direction and control of the library is vested in the Speakers of both Houses assisted, during each session, by a Joint Committee of both Houses. In view of the difficulty in making amendments to Standing Orders and the rigidity imposed on the administration of the library by the terms of such orders, it is suggested that a more flexible and efficient administration is possible when regulations may be altered from time to time to meet changing conditions. Therefore, it is proposed that in future the operation of the library be carried out under regulations approved by both Speakers after consultation with the Joint Committee on the Library.

PART III

Your Committee further recommends:

1. That the Standing Orders which will be provisionally amended or enacted by virtue of the adoption of this report be printed in booklet form for use by Members of the House of Commons in the next session of Parliament.
2. That a similar Committee be appointed early in the next session of Parliament in order to permit of a review of the operation of the foregoing provisional changes and also a further study of other questions concerning the procedure of this House.

By unanimous consent, it was ordered that a motion for concurrence in the foregoing Report be placed on the Order Paper for consideration at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following bills without amendment:

Bill C-71, An Act respecting the Civil Service of Canada.

Bill C-127, An Act respecting the Observance of the Centennial of Confederation in Canada.

Bill C-128, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954.

Debate was resumed on the proposed motion of Mr. Fleming (Eglinton), seconded by Mr. Churchill,—That Bill C-122, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make payments to the Governments of the Provinces and to authorize the Government of Canada to enter into tax collection agreements with the Governments of the Provinces, be now read a second time.

And debate continuing;

At 10.32 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without question put, until tomorrow at 11.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to Order made Monday, April 24, 1961.