

*Government Orders*

41. That section 92(1) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"92.(1) The Standing Committee on House Management shall meet as soon as practicable after the order of precedence has been established pursuant to sections (1) and (2) of Standing Order 87, but in any case not later than ten sitting days after that day, and from time to time thereafter, and may select after consultation with, among others, the Members proposing the items, not more than three motions and three bills from among the twenty items in the order of precedence and an appropriate number from among any subsequent items for which the order of precedence is established and such selected items shall be designated as "votable items". In making its selection, the Committee shall not take into account the number of Members jointly seconding an item, but shall allow the merits of the items alone to determine the selection and shall report thereon, from time to time. At no time shall there be more than three motions and three bills among the selected items on the order of precedence."

42. That Standing Order 93 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"93. Unless previously disposed of, selected public bills at the second reading stage or selected motions shall receive not more than three hours of consideration and, unless previously disposed of, an item having been once considered, shall be dropped to the bottom of the order of precedence and again considered only when it reaches the top of the said order.

Provided that, unless otherwise disposed of, at not later than fifteen minutes before the end of the time provided for the consideration of the said item, any proceedings then before the House shall be interrupted and every question necessary to dispose of the selected motion or of the selected bill at the second reading stage, shall be put forthwith and successively without further debate or amendment."

43. That section 94(2) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2)(a) When a Member has given at least forty-eight hours' written notice that he or she is unable to be present to move his or her motion under Private Members' Business on the date required by the order of precedence, the Speaker, with permission of the Members involved, may arrange for an exchange of positions in the order of precedence with a Member whose motion or bill has been placed in the order of precedence; and

(b) in the event that the Speaker has been unable to arrange an exchange, the House shall continue with the business before it prior to "Private Members' Hour"."

44. That section 96(1) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"96.(1) The proceedings on any item of Private Members' Business which is not a votable item selected pursuant to Standing Order 92 shall expire when debate thereon has been concluded or at the end

of the time provided for the consideration of such business and shall be dropped from the *Order Paper*."

45. That Standing Order 99 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"99.(1) The proceedings on Private Members' Business shall not be suspended except as provided for in Standing Orders 30(4), 50(4), 52(14), 91 and 94(1)(b) or as otherwise specified by Special Order of this House. No Private Members' Business shall be taken up on days appointed for the consideration of business pursuant to Standing Orders 53 and 84(2) nor on days, other than Mondays, appointed for the consideration of business pursuant to Standing Order 81(16).

(2) Whenever Private Members' Business is suspended or not taken up on a Monday, the House shall meet from 11.00 o'clock a.m. to 12.00 o'clock noon for the consideration of Government Orders."

46. That Standing Order 104 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"104.(1) At the commencement of the first session of each Parliament, the Standing Committee on House Management, which, notwithstanding section (2) of this Standing Order, shall consist of fourteen Members, and the membership of which shall continue from session to session, shall be appointed to act, among its other duties, as a striking committee. The said Committee shall 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 second Monday following Labour Day, lists of Members to compose the standing and legislative committees of the House pursuant to Standing Orders 104(2) and 113(1), and to act for the House on standing joint committees; provided that the Committee shall not present a second report pursuant to this Standing Order between the second Monday following Labour Day and the end of that calendar year.

(2) The standing committees, which shall consist of not less than seven and not more than fourteen Members, and for which lists of members are to be prepared, except as provided in Standing Order 104(1), are grouped into five envelopes, as follows:

(a) *Management*: the Standing Committees on:

- (i) House Management; and
- (ii) Public Accounts;

(b) *Human Resources*: the Standing Committees on:

- (i) Aboriginal Affairs;
- (ii) Health and Welfare, Social Affairs, Seniors and the Status of Women;
- (iii) Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons;

(iv) Labour, Employment and Immigration; and

(v) Multiculturalism and Citizenship;

(c) *Natural Resources*: the Standing Committees on: