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a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that both Ontario and Quebec, and perhaps other provinces, have made public the details of their legislation to provide for the regulation of pension plans that come under provincial jurisdiction, would it not be desirable that the legislation at the Federal Government level which the Minister promised last December 18 be put on the order paper?

**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance):** I will be glad to discuss this with the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, to see whether that can be done.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order originally raised by the hon. Member for Swift Current-Maple Creek, are we as backbenchers to understand that restrictions are placed on us during the half hour question period on Wednesday even though the Minister of National Defence deliberately violated the purpose of this period this afternoon?

**Mr. Speaker:** It does seem to the Chair that no comment is called for. The hon. Member knows the difficulties involved in conducting public assemblies, and he will have to use his own discretion in reaching his own conclusion.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS  
RESPECTING CONDUCT OF  
BUSINESS

The House resumed from Tuesday, June 8, consideration in Committee of the following resolution—Mr. Pearson—Mr. Batten in the Chair:

That the following amendments be made to Standing Orders:

1. That Standing Order 6 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

*Standing Order 6*

6. (1) At 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and at 10:00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless provided otherwise in these Standing Orders, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put until the next sitting day.

(2) A motion that the House continue to sit after the hour specified in Section (1) may be made at any time without notice. If any member objects to the motion, Mr. Speaker shall request those members who object to rise in their places and if ten or more members then rise, the question shall not be put on the motion. If no member objects or if fewer than ten members rise in their places, the motion shall be deemed to be

carried. No debate or formal vote shall be held on such a motion to extend a sitting. An extended sitting under the provisions of this Section, unless a closing time has been specified, shall not be terminated except by the adoption of a motion to adjourn and Mr. Speaker shall not deem that a motion to adjourn the House has been made by virtue of the operation of any other Standing Order.

(3) If any member objects to the taking of a vote at any time between 1:00 o'clock p.m. and 2:30 o'clock p.m. or between 6:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker shall request those members who object to rise in their places and if five or more members rise, the taking of the vote shall be postponed until after 2:30 o'clock p.m. or until after 8:00 o'clock p.m. as the case may be.

(4) When it is provided in any Standing Order or in any order of the House that the business under consideration at the ordinary time of adjournment be forthwith disposed of or concluded, Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until the specified proceedings be completed.

2. That Section (1) of Standing Order 12 be amended to read as follows:

*Standing Order 12, Section (1)*

12. (1) Mr. Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order. In explaining a point of order or practice, he shall state the standing order or authority applicable to the case. No debate shall be permitted on any such decision, nor shall any such decision be subject to an appeal to the House.

3. That Sections (3) and (4) of Standing Order 15 be amended to read as follows:

*Standing Order 15, Sections (3) and (4)*

15. (3) Except as otherwise provided in these Standing Orders, the order of business for the consideration of the House, day-by-day, after the daily routine shall be as follows:

(Monday)

Questions.

Government orders.

(From six to seven o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)

Notices of Motions.

(Tuesday)

Government orders.

Questions.

(From six to seven o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)

Private bills.

Public bills.

(Wednesday)

Questions.

Notices of motions for the production of papers.

Government orders.

(From five to six o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)

Notices of motions.

Public bills.

(Thursday)

Government orders.

Questions.

(From six to seven o'clock p.m.—Private Members' Business)