

ments. Because this committee and others, so far as I know, scrupulously present their reports in both official languages, I no longer intend to refer to that fact in presenting reports.

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Third report of Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs—Mr. MacGuigan.

[Translation]

TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE AND ITS COMMITTEES—THIRD REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE—MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the honour to present the third report of the special committee appointed to supervise the implementation of radio and television broadcasting of proceedings of the House and its committees.

[Editor's Note: For text of the above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The order paper already indicates that Friday has been designated as an allotted day which has been assigned to the New Democratic Party. In order that hon. members might have all the notice possible as to what will be under discussion, I should like to indicate that the motion to be put down for Friday will be in the name of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) and it will deal with matters arising out of the Berger report. I should also like to indicate that it is our intention that this motion be put down under Standing Order 58(9)(a), which means that we would like a vote to be taken at the end of the debate.

In view of the fact that that is Friday afternoon and there are members who try to catch planes to get away for the week end, we are also proposing—and I have discussed this with each of the other House leaders—that on Friday we alter our hours of sitting slightly. Our proposal is that we sit through the noon hour from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and that we end the day one hour earlier than usual, in other words, that the debate come to an end at 3.45 p.m. instead of 4.45 p.m. We propose that the bells then ring for the 15 minutes set down in the Standing Orders and that the recorded vote, if it is called for, be taken at 4 p.m. I think you will find that this proposition is generally supported.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for giving us notice of the subject matter and particularly of his intention with respect to the taking of a vote on a Friday afternoon, which is unusual. I

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think his suggestion, which he was kind enough to discuss with me on behalf of the official opposition, is an eminently sensible one in view of the geography and airline schedules that afflict this country. It is certainly acceptable, and we are prepared to consent.

Mr. MacFarlane: That is acceptable, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

Mr. Fortin: We agree, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I take it that the House is disposed to make an order to that effect today. It is suggested that on Friday, it being an allotted day under the control of the members of the NDP, the House will sit at the usual hour except that it will continue through the lunch adjournment and therefore the ordinary hour of adjournment will be considered to be four o'clock instead of five o'clock, and that for the purpose of taking a vote pursuant to Standing Order 58(9) (a) the hour at which the bells will commence to ring will be 3.45 p.m. on Friday afternoon and that the bells, as usual, be of 15 minutes duration, and that the vote be taken at 4 p.m. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

[Translation]

Mr. Corbin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

I am sorry for that, but I was only trying to draw your attention before the question was put. I only want to say that this proposal may perhaps suit many members who come from cities not too far from Ottawa but it certainly does not suit hon. members who live in remote areas of this country.

[English]

However, I will not be a party pooper, Mr. Speaker, and I will go along with the motion, but I want that to be on the record.

Mr. Speaker: I think it should be explained that part of the discussions are discretionary and part are not. Those that are not discretionary relate to the fact that the motion is in the hands of one of the opposition parties on an allotted day, which must be agreed to, of course, by the government. That day has been allotted on a Friday and it is the right of the opposition to call a vote without any assistance. What is under discretion is the altering of the Standing Orders in order to take a vote earlier than usual. That was the only part that was put to the House for consideration at this time.