

*Standing Orders***STANDING ORDERS**CONTINUATION IN FORCE OF PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL
STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. After consultations with my colleagues, the House Leaders of the other two Parties, I would ask for the leave of the House to introduce the following motion by way of draft Order:

That, notwithstanding any previous Order of the House, all the current permanent and provisional Standing Orders shall continue in force, until otherwise ordered;

• (1210)

[*Translation*]

Provided that the provisions of Standing Order 43 shall be suspended during the Thirty-third Parliament.

[*English*]

I believe, Mr. Speaker, if you were to ask unanimous consent to proceed with this motion and, indeed, to have it passed unanimously, I believe you would find it forthcoming.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to give our unanimous consent to the order which the Government House Leader (Mr. Hnatyshyn) is seeking.

I would just like to say as well, Mr. Speaker, that since you have reserved your decision on the motion of privilege raised by the Hon. Member of the Opposition Party who has just spoken, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to his motion when you next have the matter before you.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair is now in another difficulty. There is no motion before it. I listened and looked for all those who wished to address the Chair at the moment with regard to the question of privilege which was raised. I indicated that I thought I should not make a ruling, even though I believe I am making it clear and that I am pretty close to one. However, I thought I should at least consider giving the Hon. Member who is mentioned in the comments an opportunity to speak since he is not here today. Other than that I presumed that all Hon. Members who wished to address that matter have done so.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I want to clarify my position. I felt that since you wanted to give the Hon. Member who was the object of the comments of my colleague a chance to speak, and in order to facilitate the business of the House, I would reserve my comments—

Mr. Deans: No!

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): —until this matter was next before us.

Mr. Speaker: With due respect, I did not say that. Does the Hon. Member for Windsor West wish to make a comment on the question of privilege? If he does, I will undertake an extraordinary procedure. Since I have a request for unanimous consent on a House order, I suggest we dispose of it and then I

will hear a further comment on the question of privilege if the Hon. Member for Windsor West chooses to make one.

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

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) on the point of order raised by the Government House Leader?

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I regret my hon. colleague tried to bootleg something in which was not before us. We did in fact discuss the draft order which has been proposed by the Government House Leader (Mr. Hnatyshyn) and we agreed to keep in force the existing Permanent and Provisional Standing Orders until such time in the future as it is deemed desirable to change them.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the introduction of the motion described?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There being unanimous consent, it has been moved by Mr. Hnatyshyn, seconded by Mr. McLean:

[*Translation*]

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Provided that the provisions of Standing Order 43 shall be suspended during the Thirty-third Parliament.

[*English*]

Shall that motion be adopted?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion (Mr. Hnatyshyn) agreed to.

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PRIVILEGEREMARKS OF MR. ROBINSON ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF
PARLIAMENT

Mr. Speaker: Given that this is the first time we have dealt with this, I will now hear the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) on the question of privilege which was raised earlier.

There is a dilemma, and I am doing this deliberately. I therefore seek unanimous consent that the Hon. Member be heard. I did not indicate that I was going to reserve until I had heard everyone who chose to rise. That is what I believe concerns the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans). If the precedent is established that the Speaker may reserve and then other Members get up and make further speeches, a difficulty is created for the Speaker. I had not indicated I was going to reserve and the Hon. Member for Windsor West did not rise to be heard. May I seek the consent of the House at this time that the Hon. Member for Windsor West be heard on this matter?