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by hon. members when this point of order was raised. These precedents have been studied very closely, the *Journals* have been looked into and the debates have been read.

I should like to assume the dubious honour of taking the time of the house to go through these precedents. I think that after referring to a lot of these precedents the conclusion will be clear.

On August 30 of 1917, and I begin this review of precedents with this particular one, a motion was proposed and adopted in the following terms:

That the debate on the third reading of Bill No. 125, providing for the acquisition by His Majesty of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Company shall not be further adjourned.

At that time an amendment to the motion for the third reading of Bill No. 125 was also under consideration. Both the amendment and the main motion were subsequently disposed of under the provisions of what is now Standing Order 33. I refer hon. members to *Journals* of August 30 1917, pages 606 to 608 inclusive.

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On September 10, 1917, a motion was proposed and adopted as follows:

That the debate upon the second reading of Bill No. 133, the War-time Elections Act, shall not be further adjourned.

It should be noted that in this case there was no amendment before the house when the motion to close debate was adopted. Later in the sitting of September 10, 1917, in the course of the debate following the submission of the motion under what is now Standing Order 33, an amendment was proposed and disposed of by a division. Subsequently in the same sitting a further amendment was proposed and debated. The latter amendment and the main motion were both disposed of by the operation of the provisions of the closure rule. In this connection I refer hon. members to *Journals* of September 10, 1917, pages 643 to 645 inclusive.

On September 14, 1917, a motion was proposed and adopted as follows:

That the debate on the third reading of Bill No. 133, the War-time Elections Act, shall not be further adjourned.

Again, it should be noted that when the motion to close debate was adopted there was no amendment before the house. Later in the same sitting an amendment was proposed and debated. Both the amendment and the main motion were disposed of by the operation of

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the provisions of what is now Standing Order 33. This is to be found in *Journals* of September 14, 1917, pages 659 to 661 inclusive.

On March 2, 1926, when the house was considering the Address in Reply a motion was proposed and adopted as follows:

That the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Elliott, for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to His Speech at the opening of the session, and the proposed motion of Mr. Bird: "That this question be now put", shall not be further adjourned.

Once more, it should be noted that the motion to close debate related to more than one question, namely, the Address in Reply and also to a motion "That the question be now put". I refer hon. members to *Journals* of March 2, 1926, pages 123 to 126 inclusive.

On March 29, 1932, a motion was proposed and adopted as follows:

That the present debate, namely the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bennett: That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to resolve itself into committee of the whole on the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a bill to amend chapter 58 of the Statutes of Canada, 1931, striking out the word "March" in section 8, and substituting the word "May" therefor; and the proposed motion of Mr. Weir (Melfort): "That this question be now put", shall not be further adjourned.

Here again it is suggested that the motion to close debate referred to two debatable motions. I refer hon. members to *Journals* of March 29, 1932, pages 177 to 181 inclusive.

On May 22, 1956, a motion was proposed and adopted as follows:

That the debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill No. 298, an act to establish the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, and on any amendments thereto, shall not be further adjourned.

On that occasion, in addition to the main motion there was an amendment and also a subamendment under consideration by the house. The reference here is to *Journals* of May 22, 1956, pages 587 to 594 inclusive.

On June 5, 1956, a motion was proposed and adopted as follows:

That the debate on the motion for the third reading of Bill No. 298, an act to establish the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, and on any amendments thereto, shall not be further adjourned.

On that occasion in addition to the main motion there was also an amendment under consideration by the house. Hon. members will find the reference in the *Journals* for June 5, 1956, pages 699 to 705 inclusive. The latest precedent for the use of Standing Order