

Business of the House

fifth report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, but he slipped it under his papers.

Mr. Speaker: Order. We have not yet concluded the business on the point raised by the President of the Privy Council. I assumed the hon. member intended to refer to the same matter.

The terms of the order have been proposed by the minister, and conditions have been suggested by representatives of the parties in opposition. In any event, hon. members have heard the terms of the proposed order suggested by the President of the Privy Council and I have to ask the House whether it is so ordered.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

CONCURRENCE IN FIFTH REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): May I ask whether the Government House Leader intends to present a motion for concurrence in the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections? I would just as soon it came from the government side, but if it does not I can ask unanimous consent to move it.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I think it should come from the chairman of the committee and I will ask him to give notice of it in order to place it on the Order Paper and in that way bring it before the House.

Mr. Nielsen: I do not wish to sound impatient, but concurrence could be moved now by unanimous consent. This is a normal procedure and the committee was unanimous in its report.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I am certainly agreeable to that if the House will waive the requirement of two days' notice.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the proposal that the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be concurred in. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Nielsen.]

ELECTION EXPENSES

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have also been discussions between representatives of the parties with respect to referring the question of election expenses to a special committee to be constituted for the purpose. If there were found to be general agreement I should like to suggest that the following be made an order of the House:

That a special committee, constituted of 12 members to be named at a later date, be appointed to consider the question of the limitation and control of election expenses in Canada and to report from time to time its observations and opinions thereon;

That the committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records; to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House; to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by the committee; and to delegate to subcommittees any of its powers, except the power to report directly to the House.

As I say, if there is found to be general agreement among hon. members this might be made an order of the House.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE
IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

On the order:

Mr. Bell:—That the third report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to the House on Wednesday, May 13, 1970, be concurred in.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in view of the unanimous agreement within the Public Accounts Committee that concurrence in this motion not be moved—there was a discussion of this subject on Monday last—I wonder whether the hon. member might not be agreeable to withdrawing his motion.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Yes, Mr. Speaker. In view of the apology the minister made yesterday we shall cooperate in the matter.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster have the unanimous