

House of Commons Procedures
(Wednesday)

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.

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)

A. On the first and each alternate Thursday thereafter:

Notices of motions (papers).

Private bills.

Public bills.

B. On the second and each alternate Thursday thereafter:

Private bills.

Notices of motions (papers).

Public bills.

(Friday)

Government orders.

Questions.

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

Public bills.

Private bills.

(4) When a debate on a motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply is in progress at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on either a Monday or a Tuesday, the order for Private Members' Business on that day shall be suspended.

4. That Section (2) of Standing Order 31 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 31, Section (2)

31. (2) When the business of Private Members is being considered, no member shall speak for more than twenty minutes at a time.

5. That Section (5) of Standing Order 39 be enacted to read as follows:

Standing Order 39, Section (5)

39. (5) Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, questions on matters of urgency may be addressed orally to Ministers of the Crown, provided however that if in the opinion of Mr. Speaker a question is not urgent, he may direct that it be placed on the Order Paper, provided also that the time allowed for a question period prior to the calling of the Orders of the Day shall not exceed thirty minutes.

A member who is not satisfied with the answer given to a question asked on any day at this stage, or a member who has been told by Mr. Speaker that his question is not urgent, may give notice that he intends to raise the subject-matter of his question on the adjournment of the House. The notice referred to herein, whether or not it is given orally during the question period before the Orders of the Day, must be given in writing to Mr. Speaker not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. the same day.

6. That the Standing Orders be amended by adding thereto a new Standing Order 41-A, to read as follows:

Standing Order 41-A

41-A. Unless notice of motion has been given under Standing Order 41, any member proposing to