

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Bill reported.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, as you are now reporting to the House on the proceedings of the committee, I feel I have the right to ask you, with all due respect, to report also on the objections we have raised, in order to respect the rights of hon. members.

If you make a report, make a complete one including the objections that were raised.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Again I repeat I am very conscious of the objections contained in the point of order raised by the hon. member and other hon. members. I have indicated before, and will say again, that I have taken note of it. I know hon. members are concerned, and I also am concerned about the procedure. However, I again say I am bound by the Standing Orders of this House and must forthwith proceed to put all motions and all questions.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): What about copies of the bill? That is not in the rules.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, none of the Standing Orders forbid you to make a complete report to the House about proceedings in committee of the whole. This is why I ask you to include in your report to the House the objections of hon. members, with regard to the amendment of this Standing Order.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time?

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Concern has been registered by members on this side of the House, and I believe by hon. members on the government side, about the inappropriateness of passing in a few moments a bill which most members have not seen. There is nothing in the rules regarding the availability of bills. It is understood they should be available.

It is not my intention to hold up proceedings. We are familiar with the rules which require the passage of supply at this point in the debate. However, I respectfully and strongly recommend, sir, that in future on every occasion such as this provision be made that bills which are to be passed be made available to all hon. members

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even if this is rather difficult and awkward to do under our present rules.

• (10:40 p.m.)

Mr. Peters: I rise on another point of order, Mr. Speaker. I suggest that the Chair does not do itself any good, or the members of the House, when Your Honour asks the consent of the House for third reading. The Standing Orders are very clear; they provide for the passage of all stages of any bill or bills based on these estimates. The Standing Order also refers to the ten o'clock adjournment. I suggest that we change our format, as I suggested during discussion of the interim supply bill. If there is no likelihood of objection to third reading, the Chair should not ask for consent to third reading because it makes everybody look foolish.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I heard the representations of the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. MacLean) and the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters). The only way in which the Chair could not ask for third reading and not put the question, as I understand it, would be by unanimous consent of the House. I point out that nothing could impress me more than the arguments advanced by hon. members and the points of order raised by them. I would think that changes could be made through the proper processes. However, I am a captive of the Standing Orders.

If the hon. member wants me to ask for the unanimous consent of the House not to put the question on third reading, I will do so, but I must caution him that there would have to be unanimous consent. I reiterate that I am impressed with the points of order raised tonight and I hope that before we deal again with these questions in such circumstances, changes will be made which will make the procedure satisfactory to all hon. members.

Mr. Drury moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: On division.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being after ten o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow, pursuant to Standing Order.

At 10.45 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.