

Government Orders

thinks it is in the interests of Quebec to have the Chair read 109 pages of a motion that all opposition members and opposition and government leaders have read. If we didn't have to read those 109 pages, we would be able to have more debate and thus further the interests of Quebec. I think the hon. member for Shefford, the great crusader and his seven or eight friends, should be the first to set an example.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):

35. That section 83(2) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) An Order of the Day for the consideration of a Ways and Means motion or motions shall be designated at the request of a Minister rising in his or her place in the House. When such an Order is designated for a Budget presentation, the Minister shall specify the date and time thereof and the Order shall be deemed to be an Order of the House to sit beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, if required. At the specified time, the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and such proceedings shall be deemed adjourned; and the House shall proceed forthwith to the consideration of the Ways and Means motion for the Budget presentation. When a motion for the adjournment of the debate on the Ways and Means motion has been made by a Member of the Official Opposition, it shall be deemed adopted without question put; whereupon the Speaker shall adjourn the House to the next sitting day."

36. That section 84(2) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) The proceedings on the Order of the Day for resuming debate on such Budget motion and on any amendments proposed thereto shall not exceed four sitting days."

37. That sections 84(5) and 84(6) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(5) On the third of the said days, if an amendment be under consideration at fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for government business in such sitting, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put the question on the said amendment.

(6) On the fourth of the said days, at fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for government business in such sitting, unless the debate be previously concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put the question on the main motion."

38. That sections 87(1) and 87(2) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"87.(1)(a) At the beginning of a Session, the Clerk of the House, acting on behalf of the Speaker, shall, within two sitting days of the placing on the *Order Paper* of separate items of Private Members'

Business from at least twenty Members, notify the Members involved of the time, date and place of a random draw of twenty Members' names to establish the order of precedence for twenty separate items.

(b) To the extent that there is a sufficient number of eligible motions and bills, the draw shall be conducted so that there shall be in the order of precedence an equal number of motions and public bills originating in the House of Commons.

(c) The names of Members with bills and those of Members with motions shall be drawn separately to produce the appropriate number of bills and motions. The names first drawn separately shall then be combined and drawn out again to determine the order of precedence for those items.

(d) Not later than the ordinary hour of daily adjournment on the second sitting day after the day on which the draw is conducted, each Member whose name has been drawn, and who has given notice of more than one motion, shall file with the Clerk an indication as to which motion is to be placed in the order of precedence. If a Member does not file such an indication within the time specified, the first motion standing on the *Order Paper* in the name of that Member under Private Members' Business will be included in the order of precedence. This requirement applies equally to each Member whose name has been drawn for a public bill.

(2) The Clerk of the House, acting on behalf of the Speaker, shall, when necessary during a Session, conduct a random draw to establish an order of precedence for not more than ten additional items of Private Members' Business, in the manner set down in section (1) of this Standing Order. No Member having an item listed in the order of precedence at the time of the draw shall be eligible to have his or her name chosen. Not later than two sitting days prior to the conduct of the draw, the Clerk shall inform the Members involved of the time, date and place of the said draw."

39. That section 87(5) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(5) The House shall not consider any order for the second reading and reference to a standing, special or legislative committee or for reference to a Committee of the Whole House of any bill, nor any Notices of Motions or Notices of Motions (Papers) unless the said item has been placed in the order of precedence."

40. That Standing Order 91 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"91. Notwithstanding Standing Order 30(6), the consideration of Private Members' Business shall be suspended and the House shall continue to consider any business before it at the time otherwise provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business until an order of precedence is established pursuant to sections (1) and (2) of Standing Order 87 and the Standing Committee on House Management has made a report on its selection of votable items, pursuant to Standing Order 92(1)."