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not necessary. This is so true that when some bills are founded on resolutions which have been agreed to in committee of ways and means and the bills are not ready, they are therefore prevented from being introduced immediately after the resolutions are reported because of another standing order which says that a bill cannot be introduced in a blank or imperfect form—those bills are introduced later without notice. They do not even appear on the order paper. I have four instances right there on the desk that I can quote to the hon. member.

I will quote them immediately because I have the references here. He can look at the *Journals* for Saturday, December 8, 1945, page 455; Friday, August 9, 1946, page 669; Friday, June 6, 1947, page 496; May 12, 1950, page 372. All of those bills, founded upon ways and means resolutions, were introduced days and sometimes weeks after the resolutions were concurred in by the house and they were introduced without notice. Their introduction could not follow concurrence of the resolution because of standing order 72, which is to the effect that no bills may be introduced in a blank or imperfect shape. I will quote it at length:

No bill may be introduced either in blank or in an imperfect shape.

When the Clerk gave me the result of the division a moment ago I asked him, "Do you have the bill?" He said, "Yes". It is only because I received the bill that I hold in my hand, and I can see it is not in blank or in an imperfect shape, that the order which does issue must be taken advantage of, and that is the ruling that I make at the moment.

Those who are in favour of the motion that leave—

Mr. Fulton: With respect, Mr. Speaker, because I appreciate your patience at this late hour and because I regret that I am in fundamental disagreement with your ruling, I respectfully appeal your ruling.

Mr. Speaker: I forgot, and if the hon. member allows me I should like to quote one more precedent which I think might be interesting in connection with what I said, following which if he still wants to appeal I will be delighted to grant him that right. In 1921 a motion for closure was moved by Mr. Doherty on a motion for interim supply. You will find the motion at page 2076 of volume III of *Hansard* for 1921. At page 2094 you will see that the motion was agreed to, that the resolutions were reported and concurred in and that at that moment it was past two o'clock because closure was applied at two o'clock in those days. We were kind to ourselves when we amended the rules last

year and inserted one o'clock instead of two o'clock. Once the supply resolutions were reported from the committee and concurred in, the house went back into committee of ways and means, reported the resolution and concurred in the ways and means resolution. Then a bill was introduced, the motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Fulton: But Your Honour will agree that the point of order was not raised.

Mr. Speaker: No point of order was raised, but it just indicates that notwithstanding the fact the point of order was not raised, at 2.25 a.m. they were dealing with these motions which at the time were much more numerous than those we have before us.

Mr. Knowles: May I make one brief comment? The brief comment I wish to make is that some of the references that you read the time before last when you were on your feet indicated that there have been bills, I believe they were budget bills, introduced on a day later than the day on which the resolutions were passed and reported to the house. In other words, although Your Honour's statement is correct that it is customary for a bill to be introduced and given first reading immediately after the resolution is reported, it does not always happen that way and therefore it is not mandatory. It is on that basis that we feel that this is a separate proceeding.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member says it does not always happen that way. It does always happen that way whenever the bill is ready. When there were so many amendments in the ways and means resolution that the bill could not be ready for introduction as soon as the resolution was concurred in, the bill was introduced later, and as I say they were introduced without notice.

There is one case this session in which a resolution of the Minister of Finance was reported and concurred in and the bill has not been introduced yet. It is not ready. Whenever it is, there will not be 48 hours' notice for that bill to be introduced because an order of the house did issue. There was never any notice given in the cases I have cited in the *Journals*. Let us not discuss this forever. The hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton) has appealed my ruling. Those who are in favour of sustaining my ruling will say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those who are opposed will say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.