

*Standing Orders*

Public Bills, Private Bills, Notices of Motions and Notices of Motions (Papers).

(Wednesday)

(After the daily routine of business)

Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers.

Government Orders.

(Friday)

(Before the daily routine of business)

Government Orders.

(After the daily routine of business)

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Private Members' Business—from 2.00 to 3.00 o'clock p.m.:

Public Bills, Private Bills, Notices of Motions and Notices of Motions (Papers)."

That Standing Order 24 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"24. (1) After notice pursuant to Standing Order 68(1), a government notice of motion shall be put on the Order Paper as an order of the day under Government Orders.

(2) Proposed motions under Government Orders for the House to go into a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting of the House when put from the Chair shall be decided without debate or amendment."

That section (1) of Standing Order 29 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"29. (1) Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration must be asked for after the ordinary daily routine of business as set out in Standing Order 19(3) is concluded."

That sections (8) and (9) of Standing Order 29 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(8) If the Speaker is satisfied that the matter is proper to be discussed, the motion shall stand over until 8.00 o'clock p.m. on that day, provided that the Speaker, at his or her discretion, may direct that the motion shall be set down for consideration on the following sitting day at an hour specified by the Speaker."

That Standing Order 29(11) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(10) When a request to make such a motion has been made on any Friday, and the Speaker directs that it be considered the same day, it shall be considered forthwith."

That Standing Order 29(13) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(12) The proceedings on any motion being considered, pursuant to sections (8) or (10) of this Standing Order, may continue beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment but, when debate thereon is concluded prior to that hour in any sitting, it shall be deemed withdrawn. Subject to any motion adopted pursuant to Standing Order 9(4)(b), at 12.00 o'clock midnight on any sitting day except Friday, and at 4.00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, the Speaker shall declare the motion carried and forthwith adjourn the House until the next sitting day. In any other case, the Speaker, when satisfied that the debate has been concluded, shall declare the motion carried and forthwith adjourn the House until the next sitting day."

That Standing Order 32 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"32. Notwithstanding Standing Order 31, the order of precedence shall not contain, at any time, more than twenty motions and public bills originating in the House of Commons at second reading, nor fewer than ten items, when there are sufficient items contained in the list which have not been given a position on the order of precedence."

That paragraph (1)(a) of Standing Order 36 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"36. (1)(a) The Standing Committee on Private Members' Business shall meet within five sitting days of the order of precedence being established pursuant to Standing Order 31, and from time to time thereafter, and may select after consultation with, among others, the Members proposing the items,

not more than six items from among the twenty items in the order of precedence and an appropriate number from among any subsequent items for which the order of precedence is established and such selected items shall be designated as 'votable items'. In making its selection, the Committee shall not take into account the number of Members jointly seconding an item, but shall allow the merits of the items alone to determine the selection and shall report thereon, from time to time. At no time shall there be more than six selected items on the order of precedence."

That Standing Order 38 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"38. The proceedings on Private Members' Business shall not be suspended except as provided for in Standing Orders 19(3)(b), 19(9), 29(11), 37 and 39(2) or as otherwise specified by Special Order of this House. No Private Members' Business shall be taken up on days appointed for the consideration of business pursuant to Standing Orders 69, 82(5) and 84(4)."

That the following new section be added after Standing Order 39(2):

"(3)(a) When a Member has given at least twenty-four hours' written notice that he or she is unable to be present to move his or her motion under Private Members' Business on the date required by the order of precedence, and if that item of business is not one which has been designated as 'votable' by the Standing Committee on Private Members' Business, the Speaker, with permission of the Members involved, may arrange for an exchange of positions in the order of precedence with a Member whose motion or bill in the order of precedence has not been so designated.

(b) In the event that the Speaker has been unable to arrange an exchange, the House shall continue with the business before it prior to 'Private Members' Hour', provided that there shall be no extension of the sitting pursuant to Standing Order 9(4)(a), and any division on a debatable motion shall be deferred until 6.00 o'clock p.m. on the next sitting day. For the purposes of this section, Standing Order 13(5) relating to deferred divisions on a Thursday shall apply."

That paragraph (c) of Standing Order 40(3) be deleted.

That Standing Order 41(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"41. (1) The order for the first consideration of any subsequent stages of a bill already considered during Private Members' Business, of second reading of a private bill and of second reading of a private Member's public bill originating in the Senate shall be placed at the bottom of the order of precedence."

That Standing Order 48 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"48. Except as otherwise provided in any Standing or Special Order of the House, and unless otherwise disposed of, at not later than 6.00 o'clock p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, or 3.00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, on the fifteenth sitting day following the date on which a notice of motion made pursuant to Standing Order 46(2) appeared on the Order Paper, the same shall be deemed to have been moved and adopted by the House."

That sections 2 and 3 of Standing Order 55 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) When second reading or third reading of a government bill is being considered, no Member except the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition shall speak for more than:

(a) forty minutes if that Member is the first, second or third speaker;

(b) twenty minutes following the first three speakers, if that Member begins to speak within the next eight hours of consideration when second reading is being considered or within the next four hours of consideration when third reading is being considered; and following the speech of each Member a period not exceeding ten minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow Members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses thereto;

(c) ten minutes if a Member speaks thereafter.

(3) When the business of private Members is being considered, no Member shall speak for more than ten minutes, provided that the Member moving the item may speak for not more than twenty minutes."

That Standing Order 65(2) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) A Member who is not satisfied with the response to a question asked on any day at this stage, or a Member who has been told by the Speaker that the