

Standing Order 59, Section (4)

59. (4) The Chairman shall maintain order in the Committees of the Whole House, deciding all questions of order subject to an appeal to Mr. Speaker; but disorder in a committee can only be censured by the House, on receiving a report thereof. No debate shall be permitted on any decision.

10. That Standing Order 65 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 65

65. (1) At the commencement of each session, a special committee, consisting of seven members, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the following standing committees of the House:

- (a) on Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development, to consist of 45 members;
- (b) on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, to consist of 22 members;
- (c) on Crown Corporations, to consist of 22 members;
- (d) on External Affairs, to consist of 22 members;
- (e) on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, to consist of 22 members;
- (f) on Fisheries, to consist of 22 members;
- (g) on Health and Welfare, to consist of 22 members;
- (h) on Housing, Urban Development and Public Works, to consist of 22 members;
- (i) on Human Rights and Citizenship and Immigration, to consist of 22 members;
- (j) on Industry, Research and Energy Development, to consist of 22 members;
- (k) on Justice and Legal Affairs, to consist of 22 members;
- (l) on Labour and Employment, to consist of 22 members;
- (m) on Miscellaneous Estimates, to consist of 22 members;
- (n) on Miscellaneous Private Bills, to consist of 22 members;
- (o) on National Defence, to consist of 22 members;
- (p) on Northern Affairs and National Resources, to consist of 22 members;
- (q) on Privileges and Elections, to consist of 22 members;
- (r) on Public Accounts, to consist of 24 members;
- (s) on Standing Orders, to consist of 22 members;
- (t) on Transport and Communications, to consist of 22 members; and
- (u) on Veterans Affairs, to consist of 22 members.

(2) The special Committee shall also prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the following standing committees:

on Printing, to act as members on the part of this House on the Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the printing of Parliament, to consist of 23 members;

on the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as members of the Joint Committee of both Houses, to consist of 21 members;

provided that a sufficient number of members of joint committees shall be appointed so as to keep the same proportion in such committees as between the memberships of the House of Commons and Senate.

(3) A majority of the members of a standing committee shall constitute a quorum unless the House otherwise orders;

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Provided that, in the case of a joint committee, the number of members constituting a quorum shall be such as the House of Commons acting in consultation with the Senate may determine.

(4) The Standing Committees shall be severally empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; to send for persons, papers and records; and to print, from day-to-day, such papers and evidence as may be ordered by them, and Standing Order 66 shall not apply in relation thereto.

(5) Any member of the House of Commons who is not a member of a standing committee, may unless the House or the standing committee otherwise orders, take part in the deliberations of the standing committee, but shall not vote or move any motion or any amendment or be counted in the quorum.

11. That Standing Order 99 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 99

99. No Bill for the incorporation of a railway or canal company, or for authorizing the construction of branch lines or extensions of existing lines of railways or of canals, or for changing the route of the railway or of the canal of any company already incorporated, shall be considered by the Committee on Transport and Communications, until there has been filed with the committee, at least one week before the consideration of the bill, a map or plan drawn upon a scale of not less than half an inch to the mile, showing the location upon which it is intended to construct the proposed work, and showing also the lines of existing or authorized works of a similar character within, or in any way affecting the district, or any part thereof, which the proposed work is intended to serve; and such map or plan shall be signed by the engineer or other person making the same.

12. That Standing Order 105 be amended to read as follows:

Standing Order 105

105. Every private bill, when read a second time, is referred to one of the standing committees as follows: bills relating to banks, insurance, trade and commerce and to trust and loan companies, to the Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs; bills relating to railways, canals, telegraphs, canal and railway bridges, to the Committee on Transport and Communications; the bills not coming under these classes, to the Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, and all petitions for or against the bills are considered as referred to such committee.

Motion agreed to and the House went into Committee, Mr. Batten in the Chair.

● (8:50 p.m.)

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman, I have some remarks I should like to make dealing with amendments that have been discussed with other Members and which we have undertaken to bring forward. Since none of them deal with paragraph 2 of Order 15 I would suggest, if it meets with the wishes of the Committee, that I permit the hon. Member