

33 on a proceeding with Mr. Speaker in the chair is to be found at pages 996 to 1002 inclusive of the *Journals* for December 14, 1964, when a motion to concur in the sixth report of the Special Committee on a Canadian flag was being debated.

On that occasion when the motion to clusive of the *Journals* for December 14, 1964, when a motion to concur in the sixth report of the Special Committee on a Canadian flag impose the provisions of Standing Order 33 was adopted, an amendment to the main motion was also under consideration. However, that amendment was disposed of prior to the cut-off time specified in Standing Order 33. To that extent I agree with the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka that this precedent is not of particular assistance in the present circumstances.

In summary, it is suggested that all precedents support the viewpoint that any amendment, or other motion that may be proposed to a main motion, comes under the provisions of the cut-off time set out in Standing Order 33. No precedent has been found to support the suggestion that each amendment is a separate debate that must be covered by a motion in each case.

The hon. member has suggested that the adjourned debate is the debate on the amendment. If he will look at the proceedings of the house he will see that the adjourned debate is not only on the amendment but on the main motion. This is what is before the house at the present time. He would have a very serious point and one which would have to be given extremely close consideration if, in fact, it were agreed that what is before the house at the present time is the adjourned debate exclusively on the amendment. But that is not the procedural position. In fact the procedural position is that the adjourned debate is on the motion of the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Blair) and the amendment thereto of the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin).

In this light I do not think the additional argument put forward for the consideration of the house by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka can be accepted. As I have said, no precedent has been found to support the suggestion advanced by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka. Indeed, the concluding sentence of Standing Order 33 reads in part:

—but all such questions as must be decided in order to conclude such adjourned debate or postponed consideration, shall be decided forthwith.

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That is, of course, the point which has been made by the President of the Privy Council indicating the distinction between our Standing Order 33 and the corresponding standing order in the British house. In view of the precedents my interpretation of Standing Order 33 would lead me to believe that the point of order raised by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka cannot be accepted by the Chair.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday afternoon between five and six o'clock I indicated to the house that at an appropriate time I would raise a point of order under Standing Order 51. May I say that if I had my choice, if I were sure I would be permitted to do it at that time, I would raise this point of order at one o'clock tonight, assuming things go as they probably will go, after the vote has been taken on the amendment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member for interrupting, but I thought it might be better to interrupt him before he is fully launched into his submission with regard to the point of order. As the hon. member indicated a moment ago, he gave notice in the house of his intention to raise this very important point of order.

My understanding is that the discussion on the point of order would be raised not in connection with the motion under Standing Order 33 but in connection with the debate on the motion of the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Blair). I want to make it clear that the motion of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) should be disposed of by the house before the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) can raise his point of order.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Fair enough.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 33, I move, seconded by Mr. McIlraith:

That the debate on the motion, "That the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in", and on any amendment or amendment in amendment proposed there-to, shall not be further adjourned.

• (3:30 p.m.)

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Speaker: I will not interrupt the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr.