

PROPOSAL 3

Deferment of Private Members' Days—Standing Order 15(3)

(a) Section 3 of Standing Order 15, on pages 7 and 8 of the Standing Orders, 1955, is amended by deleting therefrom, the following:

“Monday (Private Members' Day)

(Subject to the provisions of standing order 56(3), six Mondays after the day upon which an Address has been agreed to, in answer to His Excellency's speech).”

and by substituting therefor, the following:

“Monday (Private Members' Day)

(Six Mondays after the day upon which an Address has been agreed to, in answer to His Excellency's speech; provided that any of said Mondays shall be deferred to government business if such be requested by a Minister of the Crown at a prior sitting of the House but not so as to use more than two Mondays consecutively for government business until after the expiry of Private Members' Days).”

(b) Paragraph C of section 3 of Standing Order 15 on page 8 of the Standing Orders, 1955, is repealed.

(c) Section 3 of Standing Order 56 is repealed and sections 4, 5 and 6 thereof are respectively renumbered as sections 3, 4 and 5.

(Note—The provisions of Paragraph C of Standing Order 15(3) and section 3 of Standing Order 56 will become redundant upon the adoption of paragraph (a) above).

(d) Section 3 of Standing Order 15 on page 10 of the Standing Orders, 1955, is further amended by deleting therefrom, the words:

“(Two Thursdays after the day upon which an Address has been agreed to, in answer to His Excellency's speech).”

and by substituting therefor, the following:

“(Two Thursdays after the day upon which an Address has been agreed to, in answer to His Excellency's speech; provided that these days may be once deferred for a week in each case, and shall be so deferred if such be requested by a Minister of the Crown at a prior sitting of the House).”

Explanatory Notes on deferment of Private Members' Days

In order to provide more time for government business in the early stage of the next session, the foregoing proposal provides machinery whereby Private Members' Days may be deferred when so requested by a Minister of the Crown. No reduction is being proposed in the number of days now provided for Private Members' business.