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matter? Was there a motion that the chairman rise and report progress in order to ask my opinion?" He assured me that such was not the case. In any event, the report I have before me—and while I was behind the curtains I heard the chairman read it—does not contain anything to that effect.

The hon. member has indicated that the position is outlined in Bourinot at pages 395 and 396. Bourinot also outlines the procedure, and he does say you must move that the chairman report progress for that purpose. But the chairman has not been moved out of the chair for the purpose of obtaining my opinion. This procedure about moving the chairman out of the chair for this purpose was confirmed precisely by the hon. member when he read what the Deputy Speaker said in 1899. As found in columns 4553 and 4554 of *Hansard* of June 7, 1899, the Deputy Speaker said:

With the permission of the house, before we proceed with the consideration of this bill, I would like to make a full statement, in view of what occurred last night.

With the view of preventing any such misunderstanding with respect to the procedure on the questions that arose during yesterday's sittings in committee of the whole, and on the appeal to the house from the decision of the chairman of the committee, I may state that I have referred to the authorities on such subjects, and find the following rules laid down authoritatively:

"1. If the committee wishes assistance or information on a point of procedure on which they are in doubt, or on which the chairman has not expressed or does not wish to express an opinion, they may ask the advice of the Speaker. But, as a rule of practice, the chairman alone is responsible for the business of the committee, and no appeal can be made from his decision on a point of procedure except to the house. . . .

2. In the former case, when the committee refers to the Speaker for advice, progress is reported on motion duly made, and when the Speaker has given his advice, the committee resumes in accordance with the regular practice of the house. . . .

3. In case of an appeal to the house,—

I submit this is the stage at which we are now.

—there is no such motion made, but the chairman leaves the chair immediately, and refers the point in dispute to the Speaker, so that the house may decide thereon. . . ."

Then a fourth rule is set out but it has no bearing on the case before us at the moment. The two instances referred to in May by the hon. member, at pages 515 and 516, had to do with the case where amendments moved in committee of the whole destroyed the bill, changed the bill or altered the bill to such an extent that the future stages of the bill were likely to be affected. What was being dealt with there in those two cases was the cumulative effect of amendments in committee on the future stages of a bill. If the hon. member looks at page 515 of May, fifteenth edition, he will see that the heading there

is, "Functions of a committee on a bill." Then it is set out that the committee is bound by the decision of the house given on second reading, and so on. It then says that the objects of a bill are stated in its long title, and then makes the third point that an amendment which is outside the scope of the bill is out of order and cannot be entertained.

Then May deals with such alterations in the bill as endanger the future stages of the bill, and says that in those cases it has been decided that the procedure to be followed is for the chairman to report progress and ask the opinion of the Speaker on the matter. But at this moment—

**Mr. Fulton:** Since it is now after six o'clock, Mr. Speaker, may I suggest that you reserve your ruling until eight o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Fulton:** After six o'clock you cannot conduct any further business.

**Mr. Sinclair:** You cannot interrupt the Speaker when he is on his feet. Rule 1.

**Some hon. Members:** Six o'clock.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have no objection whatever to considering the matter between now and eight o'clock, but I want to tell the hon. member that I have listened to a case very well presented by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre, that I have listened to the Minister of Finance and to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, that I looked and nobody else rose, whereupon I rose. I am now making my ruling, and at eight o'clock I shall conclude it.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

## AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Nicholson), that this house do now adjourn.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Stewart, Winnipeg North) which was negatived on the following division:

### YEAS

#### Messrs:

Aitken, Miss	Cameron (Nanaimo)
Balcer	Casselman
Barnett	Castleden
Bell	Charlton
Blair	Churchill
Brooks	Coldwell
Bryce	Diefenbaker