

Report of Special Committee

chamber more relevant to the people out there." That was the sum and substance of what I was endeavouring to get across, as was everyone else back in 1968.

We moved too quickly. What happened? I have forgotten the numbers, but I think the rule was No. 17A, B and C, or something like that. There were flaws in it because we moved too quickly. Subsequently we had to move an amendment and we ended up with what is today Standing Order 75A, B, and C. I think it is a better rule, but if we had spent a bit more time we could have done an even better job.

There are areas in these reports, this one included, although it is a fairly minor one, that are favourable, or something the Opposition would like. Some of these rules we rather like, and there are some that every Member in the House feels are necessary. The Commissioners of Economy is, I think, a case in point. We have rules in place on a temporary basis now. I think most of us agree that replacing Standing Order 43 with Standing Order 21 was a good idea. I think the semester system is a good idea, as well as the 20 minute speeches with a ten-minute response. At least when a Member is making a speech he knows he may be asked questions. I think he will be a little bit more careful about what he has to say.

There are some who feel, and I happen to be one, that dealing with Private Members' Business on one day does split up the week. Maybe some changes could be made, but they will be made only with co-operation. Not all of these rules will be adopted by either side. In fact, I am fairly well satisfied that the Opposition had tongue in cheek, knowing that no government could automatically say yes, we are going to accept all of these without looking to the ramifications.

In the interests of getting back some degree of co-operation and negotiation, I move:

That the House do now proceed to the Orders of the Day.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Call in the Members.

[And the division bells having stopped at 4.59 p.m.]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. On the word of the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), it is now five o'clock. That being the case, the motion now before the House has lapsed. Under the provisions of Standing Order 8(1), therefore, the House stands adjourned until Monday next at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

I am told that I am in the habit of wishing Hon. Members a good weekend. I would not want to break my own habit, so I wish Hon. Members a good weekend.

At 5.01 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.