

Orders, setting forth the terms of the said proposed allocation; provided that for the purposes of this Standing Order an allocation may be proposed in one motion to cover the proceedings at both the report and the third reading stages of a bill if that motion is consistent with the provisions of Standing Order 114(13). During the consideration of any such motion no Member may speak more than once or longer than ten minutes. Not more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon, the Speaker shall put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion. Any proceeding interrupted pursuant to this Standing Order shall be deemed adjourned."

That Standing Order 117 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"117. A Minister of the Crown who from his or her place in the House, at a previous sitting, has stated that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 115 or 116 in respect of proceedings at the stage at which a public bill was then under consideration either in the House or in any committee, and has given notice of his or her intention so to do, may propose a motion, during proceedings under Government Orders, for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at that stage; provided that the time allotted for any stage is not to be less than one sitting day and provided that for the purposes of this Standing Order an allocation may be proposed in one motion to cover the proceedings at both the report and the third reading stages on a bill if that motion is consistent with the provisions of Standing Order 114(13). During the consideration of any such motion no Member may speak more than once or longer than ten minutes. Not more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon, the Speaker shall put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion. Any proceedings interrupted pursuant to this Standing Order shall be deemed adjourned."

That the following new Standing Order be inserted immediately before Standing Order 132:

"131.1 (1) A petition for a private bill may be presented by a Member at any time during the sitting of the House by filing the same with the Clerk of the House.

(2) Members presenting petitions for private bills shall be answerable that such petitions do not contain impertinent or improper matter.

(3) Every Member presenting a petition for a private bill shall sign his or her name on the back thereof.

(4) Petitions for private bills may be either written or printed; provided always that when there are three or more petitioners the signatures of at least three petitioners shall be subscribed on the sheet containing the prayer of the petition.

(5) On the next day following the presentation of a petition for a private bill, the Clerk of the House shall lay upon the Table the report of the Clerk of Petitions thereon and such report shall be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of that day. Every petition so reported upon, not containing matter in breach of the privileges of this House and which, according to the Standing Orders or practice of this House, can be received, shall then be deemed to be read and received.

(6) No debate shall be permitted on the report but a petition referred to therein may be read by the Clerk of the House at the Table, if required."—The Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council.

And the amendment of Mr. Ouellet (p. 6658).

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier).

Mr. Gauthier: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Mazankowski: The Hon. Member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby) has the floor.

Mr. Gauthier: I was recognized.

Mr. Fennell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I must interject here because the Hon. Member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby) had been on for eight minutes yesterday when

we reached five o'clock. I am sure the Hon. Opposition Whip was here and will acknowledge that fact. He has only 10 minutes or 12 minutes remaining, so I would appreciate him being given that opportunity.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I am in your hands. I was recognized because I stood in my place. I want to participate in the debate. I have no objection to the other Member being recognized, if he wants to finish his remarks. I did not know that. I just go by the Speaker's rulings; I do not go by other people in the House.

Mr. Rossi: He was not standing.

Mr. Crosby: I was standing.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair wishes to apologize to the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier). It was the error of the Chair. In fact, as all Hon. Members now know as a consequence of the interjection of the Hon. Member for Ontario (Mr. Fennell), the Hon. Member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby) has the floor. I assure the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier that he will be recognized as soon as is appropriate.

Mr. Gauthier: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, I realize that I am a long way from your chair, but I think the record clearly shows that I had the floor at the termination of the debate at five o'clock last evening, and I was standing in my place. I am sure the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) will have an opportunity to make his remarks.

I want to point out, in the interests of all Hon. Members of the House, and in addition to the comments which I made yesterday, that is, June 2, 1987, that negotiations in respect of the establishment of new Standing Orders are continuing, so I understand. I think that anything which is said in respect of the motion now before the House of Commons must be uttered with knowledge that negotiations are ongoing.

I think the Deputy Prime Minister and Government House Leader (Mr. Mazankowski), has made every effort to achieve unanimity in respect of the adoption of permanent Standing Orders for the House of Commons. I think he is to be congratulated for continuing that task, even as the motion to adopt permanent Standing Orders is before the House of Commons.

We have seen in the past day, the past 24 hours, an excellent example of the desirability of achieving unanimity among those interested parties in respect of the adoption of the Meech Lake Accord. We all know what difficulties stand in the way of achieving a degree of unanimity with any legal process or procedure. I encourage the Deputy Prime Minister and the Government House Leader, in fact, all three House leaders, to continue their efforts to achieve unanimity.