

allotted may be altered pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this section. These twenty days are to be designated as allotted days.

[English]

On a point of order, the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River.

Mr. Lee: Mr. Speaker, if I as a member of this House am going to be forced to submit to this hijacking, this lunacy, this waste, this hypocrisy foisted upon this House by the House leader of the New Democratic Party, then I simply want to ask the House if it would consider giving unanimous consent to dispensing with the reading of the matters before us.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is there unanimous consent to dispense me of reading the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Consent is not unanimous. Therefore, I shall read on.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the House does not sit on days designated as sitting days pursuant to Standing Order 28, the total number of allotted days in that supply period shall be reduced by a number of days proportionate to the number of sitting days on which the House stood adjourned, provided that the number of days of the said reduction shall be determined by the Speaker and announced from the Chair.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the House sits on days designated as days on which the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to Standing Order 28, the total number of allotted days in that supply period shall be increased by one day for every five such days during which the House sits."

31. That section 81(10) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(10) When concurrence in any final supplementary estimates relating to the fiscal year that ended on March 31 is sought in the period ending not later than June 23, three days for the consideration of the motion that the House concur in those estimates and for the passage at all stages of any bill to be based thereon shall be added to the days for the business of supply in that period."

32. That paragraph 81(12)(a) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Government Orders

"(12)(a) Forty-eight hours' written notice shall be given of motions to concur in interim supply, main estimates, supplementary or final estimates, to restore or reinstate any item in the estimates. Twenty-four hours' written notice shall be given of an opposition motion on an allotted day or of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates, provided that for the supply period ending not later than June 23, forty-eight hours' written notice shall be given of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates;"

33. That section 81(14) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(14) In each of the periods described in section (8) of this Standing Order, not more than three opposition motions shall be motions that shall come to a vote, provided that not more than eight opposition motions in total shall be motions that shall come to a vote during the three supply periods provided pursuant to section (8) of this Standing Order. The duration of proceedings on any such motion shall be stated in the notice relating to the appointing of an allotted day or days for those proceedings. On the last day appointed for proceedings on a motion that shall come to a vote, at fifteen minutes before the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put, without further debate or amendment, every question necessary to dispose of the said proceedings."

34. That section 81(16) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(16) On the last allotted day in the period ending June 23, the House shall consider any motion or motions to concur in the main estimates, provided that:

(a) unless previously disposed of, at not later than 10.00 o'clock p.m., the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House, and shall first put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment, every question necessary to dispose of the said motion or motions, and forthwith thereafter put successively, without debate or amendment, every question necessary to dispose of any business relating to the final estimates for the preceding fiscal year or for any supplementary estimates, the restoration or reinstatement of any item in the final or supplementary estimates or any opposed item in the final or supplementary estimates and, notwithstanding Standing Order 71, for the passage at all stages of any bill or bills based on the final, main or supplementary estimates; and

(b) the Standing Orders relating to the ordinary hour of daily adjournment shall remain suspended until all such questions pursuant to paragraph (a) have been decided."

• (1600)

Mr. Jourdenais: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member for Laprairie, on a point of order.

Mr. Jourdenais: I was listening carefully to the motion, but I wonder whether the hon. member for Shefford—I know we are not supposed to say members are not present but he is invisible—I wonder whether the member who says he supports the interests of Quebec really