BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CHANGES IN STANDING ORDERS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the following changes be made in the standing orders of the house for the duration of the present session:

1. The house shall meet on every sitting day and the provision of standing order No. 2 relating to the adjournment of the house on Friday shall be suspended.

2. Standing order No. 6 adjourning the house at six o'clock on Wednesdays shall be suspended and the procedure and order of business on Wednesdays shall in every respect be the same as on other days.

3. Government notices of motions and government orders shall have precedence over all other business except questions and notices of motions for the production of papers.

4. Standing order No. 15 relating to the consideration of private and public bills from eight until nine o'clock, p.m., on Tuesdays and Fridays shall be suspended.

5. Standing orders Nos. 63, 80, 84, 102 and 122 shall be suspended.

These particular standing orders have reference largely to matters of procedure and to other measures that would not be of importance at this special session. Standing order 63 relates to select standing committees. Standing order 80 relates to the report of the proceedings for the preceding year of the commissioners of internal economy. Standing order 84 relates to the list of the reports which have to be made to the house. Standing order 102 relates to the introduction of private bills, and standing order 122 relates to the library of parliament. The motion continues:

6. The provision of standing order No. 46 requiring unanimous consent for a motion in case of urgent and pressing necessity shall be suspended.

7. Standing orders 69-77, both inclusive, shall be suspended in relation to public bills introduced by private members.

Motion agreed to.

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED MEMBERS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): At a time when, everywhere, there is so much anxiety and personal distress, I hesitate to speak of the loss which the membership of this house has sustained in the few months since parliament prorogued. I feel, however, that the members would wish to have on the pages of Hansard some mention of our sense of the loss, alike to parliament and to the country, occasioned by the death, on July 9, of Doctor Alexander MacGillivray Young, and the death, on July 12, of the Honourable Fernand Rinfret.

Doctor MacGillivray Young was the representative of the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He was a member of this house in two previous parliaments and served as a member of parliament altogether for about eight years. Hon. Mr. Rinfret was the representative of the constituency of St. James, Montreal. Mr. Rinfret had been a member of parliament for nineteen years and at the time of his death was Secretary of State for Canada, which position he had also held in a previous administration. He had served as a minister of the crown for nearly eight years.

It must be a comforting thought to the members of their respective families who have been thus bereaved, as it will be to the hon. members of this house with whom they have been in close association over many years, to know that while it was yet day Doctor Young and Mr. Rinfret availed themselves so largely of the opportunity which was afforded them to devote their lives and talents to the service of the state in its halls of parliament, and that on the membership roll of the House of Commons of Canada they have left names which will be long and gratefully remembered.

Hon. R. J. MANION (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to join with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) in expressing to the families of the two deceased members the sincere sympathy of this section of the house. I knew both members well. Mr. Rinfret and I came into the house at the same time, and I knew Doctor Young for very many years. Both were outstanding members of this house who deserved the gratitude of the sections of the country which they represented for splendid work they did. I want to express to the party to which they belonged the sympathy of this party, and I join with the Prime Minister in sending to the families of the deceased our most sincere sympathy.

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the members of our group would desire to associate themselves with the expressions of sympathy as given by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Manion). While I did not have a close personal relationship with either of the deceased members, I think those of us who have been in the house a number of years come to realize quite keenly the fine personal relationships which are possible between members of the house even though they differ widely in their opinions.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, the members of the social credit group desire also to associate themselves with