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2.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker, from the Select Committee appointed on October 9, 1951, to consider the Procedure of the House of Commons for the purpose of suggesting any changes that may be desirable to assure the more expeditious dispatch of public business, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee held a further meeting on Friday, November 2, to consider the results of the three weeks' experiment relating to the hours of sitting of the House and recommends as follows, notwithstanding Clause 1(b) and Clause 2 of its Second Report, concurred in on Friday, October 26:

That, unless and until otherwise ordered, the following hours of sitting be given a trial for the balance of the present session, commencing on Monday, November 5:

Mr. Speaker take the Chair at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., on each sitting day except Friday when he takes the Chair at 2.00 o'clock p.m., and unless the Closure Rule (Standing Order 39) be then in operation, adjourn the House on each sitting day, except Wednesday and Friday at 10.00 o'clock p.m., without question put, with provision for an intermission from 6.15 o'clock p.m., to 8.00 o'clock p.m. On Wednesday and Friday Mr. Speaker will adjourn the House at 6.15 o'clock p.m., without question put; and, subject to any special orders, the hours set aside for private and public bills under Standing Order No. 15 remain the same on Tuesday and be from 5.15 o'clock p.m., to 6.15 o'clock p.m. on Friday.

By leave of the House, Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Casselman, moved,—That the Report of the said Committee be now concurred in.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.