

In my view, the amendment endeavours to reach in behind the motion and attempts to direct the committee to consider certain propositions which would appear to be outside the scope or the content of the motion which is before the House. In effect, the proposed amendment is not only irrelevant in the procedural sense to the motion which it purports to amend, but it also seems to raise a new and substantive question which under our standing orders can only be moved after the appropriate notice. In other words, there is the additional difficulty that it not only goes beyond the terms of the simple motion before us at the present time but also it is in the form of a substantive motion which can be moved only after appropriate notice.

I should say that Standing Order 47 has the effect of precluding an amendment of this kind. For the benefit of the record I will read the Standing Order. It reads: "47. A motion to refer a bill, resolution or any question to a Committee of the Whole, or any Standing or Special Committee, shall preclude all amendment of the main question."

I think that honourable Members who sought to enlighten the Chair on the question were silent on the effect of Standing Order 47.

In the circumstances it is difficult for the Chair to overlook the provisions of Standing Order 47 and to rule in any other way except that the amendment should not be put to the House.

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By unanimous consent, the hour for Private Members' Business was suspended.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Benson, for Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), seconded by Mr. Gray,—That the White Paper entitled Proposals for Tax Reform, Tabled in the House on November 7, 1969, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

And debate continuing;

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#### *Changes in Committee Membership*

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Hogarth, MacGuigan and Blair for Messrs. Deakon, Gibson and Ouellet on the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Messrs. Barrett and Lessard (LaSalle) for Messrs. Robinson and Clermont on the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

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#### *Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House*

The following paper having been deposited with the Clerk of the House was laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Macdonald, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Copies of Statutory Orders and Regulations published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, of Wednesday, November 26, 1969, pursuant to section 7 of the Regulations Act, chapter 235, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 4/22.