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of this sort. Within the mandate of our committee, we must come to the conclusion that they ought to be recognized as being invalid and ought to be replaced.

For some time, in the interest of the rule of law, our committee has been urging the Government to replace—

**Mr. Wise:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It is that there was an acknowledgement which is on the record—and discussions took place between certain parties—that a certain procedure would be followed on this particular item. I just remind the Hon. Member that he was part of that agreement. I hope that he would honour the agreement that was made eyeball to eyeball, in a handshake between he and myself, that a procedure would be announced in the House, would be followed and that the debate on the substance of this issue need not take place. I am honouring that commitment. I would ask that all participants do the same.

**Mr. Kaplan:** Mr. Speaker, I did not understand when we made the agreement that the report would not be presented. I will certainly conclude my remarks now, if that was the understanding of the other two. But I thought I would have the opportunity to present the report, explain it and discuss the procedure. I certainly confirm that we had a discussion. If it was the understanding of my colleagues that there would be no discussion or no explanation of the procedure I will accept that and conclude by simply saying that I look forward to a reconsideration of the report and hope that in due course the issue will be dealt with by the Government.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the Chair should observe that there clearly was some discussion among members. The Hon. Minister has pointed that out. I certainly want to thank the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) for so quickly accepting the remarks and the intervention of the Hon. Minister. I am sure that all Parties can have a useful discussion with respect to this matter in whatever future course it takes.

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**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to indicate that there had been previous discussions and the impression was that we would simply introduce ourselves to the issue or the problem, hear you in terms of your observations, and then agree to refer the matter for further discussion.

**Mr. Corbett:** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for providing me with the opportunity of an intervention at this point in our discussions. This is an historic day in Parliament. I think it is encouraging for all of us as private members to see that the processes of the McGrath report have indeed been effective and that committees have had an opportunity of exercising to some degree the extended powers which have been placed with them through the adoption of the McGrath report by the House.

I believe the position which has been related by the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) fairly represents the

situation as indeed it does exist. I would like to put forward an amendment at this time. I think the amendment is particularly opportune in view of the comments you made preceding the discussions which have taken place here today. I also believe that my amendment will preclude the necessity of any further discussion on the matter by the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will hear the Hon. Member for Fundy—Royal (Mr. Corbett) in a moment. The Chair, of course, is aware, as are all Hon. Members in the Chamber and those who are watching this debate, that there seems to have been some arrangement made between the Parties. The Chair is in the hands of the House, naturally, but I am just wondering whether an amendment at this time might be deemed by some other Members to not be in accord with the understanding. If it is, I would perhaps ask the Hon. Minister, the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis) and the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) to give the Chair some guidance in this matter.

**Mr. Wise:** Mr. Speaker, if you would simply recognize my colleague, the Hon. Member for Fundy—Royal (Mr. Corbett), we would be in motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Fundy—Royal.

**Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal):** Therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Third Report of the Standing Joint Committee be not now concurred in but that it be recommitted to the said Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments for further consideration.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Minister, the Hon. Member for Fundy—Royal and other Hon. Members.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to go back to your comments at the beginning of this sitting about the need for having Standing Order 44 revised and corrected or referred to the Standing Committee that deals with the Standing Orders of the House regularly. I would also like to ask the Chair given its comments whether it wants the Committee to report as soon as possible on the difference between “motion” in English and *résolution* in French, so that the matter will be settled once and for all.

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** In response to the Hon. Member, the Chair cannot order the Committee to do anything. Clearly, all Hon. Members have a problem with the fact that there are two quite different versions intending to address the same situation. The Chair has suggested that it be considered by the Committee. The Chair cannot order the Committee to even consider it and the Chair cannot order the Committee to report back speedily. The Chair can observe that if the Committee is prepared to