

STANDING ORDER 65

The present standing order 65 reads as follows:

(1) No special committee may, without leave of the House, consist of more than fifteen members; such leave shall not be moved for without notice; and in the case of members proposed to be added or substituted, after the first appointment of the committee, a new notice shall be given including the names of the members proposed to be added or substituted.

Special committees.

(2) It shall always be understood that no member who declares or decides against the principle of a bill, resolution, or matter to be committed, can be nominated of such committee.

Members excluded if against principle of question.

(3) A majority of the members of a special committee shall be a quorum unless the House has otherwise ordered.

Quorum.

Under the terms of the present standing order, notice is required of a motion to make a substitution in the membership of a special committee. This proviso has been observed on one occasion only in recent years. It is proposed, therefore, that the requirement of notice for substitutions be repealed by deleting therefrom the words "or substituted".

It is also proposed that section 2 of the foregoing order be deleted on the ground that its provisions are antiquated. In consequence of the deletion of section 2, the former section 3 has been renumbered.

STANDING ORDER 69

The present standing order 69 reads as follows:

Every bill is introduced upon motion for leave, specifying the title of the bill; or upon motion to appoint a committee to prepare and bring it in.

Introduction.

The purpose of the new clause (2) in this order is to spell out the existing practice.