

Amendments precluded. (6) The motion for an address in reply shall not be subject to amendment on or after the seventh day of the said debate.

Time limits on speeches. (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 31, no Member, except the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, shall speak for more than thirty minutes at a time in the said debate; provided that forty minutes shall be allowed to the mover of either an amendment or of a subamendment."

Explanatory Notes:

This proposal will continue for another session the provisional change with respect to the Address Debate which was in effect in the current session.

The purpose of this proposal is to shorten the Address Debate by two days and to limit speeches to thirty minutes during this debate, except as otherwise provided for in section (7) above. Provision is made for votes to be taken on the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth days of this debate. No amendment will be permitted on or after the seventh day of this debate.

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Questions

Standing Order 39 is provisionally repealed, and the following substituted therefor, on a trial basis, namely:

Questions put to Ministers. "39. (1) Questions may be placed on the Order Paper seeking information from Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs; and from other Members, relating to any bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such Members may be concerned; but in putting any such question or in replying to the same no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same; and in answering any such question the matter to which the same refers shall not be debated.

Oral answer. (2) (a) Any Member who requires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk.

Printed answer. (b) If a Member does not distinguish his question by an asterisk, the Minister to whom the question is addressed hands the answer to the Clerk of the House who causes it to be printed in the Official Reports of the Debates.

Question to stand as notice of motion. (3) If, in the opinion of Mr. Speaker, a question on the order paper put to a Minister of the Crown is of such a nature as to require a lengthy reply, he may, upon the request of the Government, direct the same to stand as a notice of motion, and to be transferred to its proper place as such upon the order paper, the Clerk of the House being authorized to amend the same as to matters of form.

Question made order for return. (4) If a question is of such a nature that, in the opinion of the Minister who is to furnish the reply, such reply should be in the form of a return, and the Minister states that he has no objection to laying such return upon the Table of the House, his statement shall, unless otherwise ordered by the House, be deemed an Order of the House to that effect and the same shall be entered in the *Votes and Proceedings* as such."