

Before Their Consideration Has Been Concluded". I am giving this detail because I think it might be useful to all hon. members.

It is the duty of standing committees, as of all committees, to give the matters referred to them due and sufficient consideration. Accordingly, the chairman of a standing committee will not accept a motion that the committee do not proceed further with the consideration of a bill from a member who is not in charge of the bill, nor will he accept a motion for reporting a bill to the house before its consideration has been completed by the committee, or any other motion which conflicts with the obligations imposed on the committee by the house.

Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure, fourth edition, page 520, also says:

Every committee on a public bill is bound to report thereon. The house alone has power to prevent its passage or to order its withdrawal.

Beauchesne, fourth edition, citation 506, says:

Every bill referred to the committee must be reported.

And later:

It is the duty of every committee to report to the house the bill that has been committed to them—

In this connection I might refer hon. members to standing order 109.

On the subject of an order of reference, an indication by a minister of the crown that something may be done in the committee is not a part of the order of reference.

On June 19, 1924, Mr. Speaker Lemieux stated, as found in *Hansard*, page 3389:

Under the rules and customs of British parliaments, standing committees are not administrative bodies and their power is limited by such orders or instructions as may be given the house.

For the reasons I have given I am of the opinion that there is no question of privilege involved, nor is there any point of order which would justify my interference with the proceedings of the committee in question.

[Translation]

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I appeal against your ruling.

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: The house has heard the decision of the Chair, from which the hon. member for Lapointe has appealed. All those in favour of the sustaining the decision of the Chair will please say *yea*.

Some hon. Members: *Yea*.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say *nay*.

Some hon. Members: *Nay*.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

Division

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

And the members having been called in:

Mr. Speaker put the question as follows:

"The question before the house is an appeal from the ruling of the Chair which is as follows. The hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Gregoire) having risen on a question of privilege, proposed a motion as follows:

Shall I dispense?

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair decided, in effect, that the motion did not raise a *prima facie* question of privilege and stated that it appeared the said motion was in effect an appeal to the house from a decision of the chairman of a standing committee, and ruled there was no question of privilege involved nor any point of order which would justify the Chair's interference with the proceedings of the committee in question. Is it the pleasure of the house that the Speaker's decision be sustained?

The house divided on the question: Shall the Speaker's decision be sustained? And the decision of the Chair was sustained on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Armstrong	Garland
Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace)	Gelber
Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe)	Gendron
Badanai	Godin
Batten	Gordon
Bechard	Granger
Benidickson	Gray
Benson	Greene
Berger	Groos
Blouin	Guay
Boulanger	Habel
Byrne	Hahn
Cameron (High Park)	Haidasz
Cantin	Harley
Caron	Hays
Carter	Hellyer
Chevrier	Honey
Choquette	Jewett, Miss
Chretien	Klein
Côté (Longueuil)	Lachance
Crossman	Laing
Cyr	Lamontagne
Davis	Lamoureux
Deachman	Laniel
Denis	Laverdiere
Deschatelets	Leduc
Drouin	Lessard (St. Henry)
Drury	Lloyd
Dube	Macdonald
Dupuis	MacEachen
Emard	MacNaught
Ethier	McIlraith
Eudes	McLean (Charlotte)
Favreau	McMillan
Forest	McNulty
Forgie	McWilliam
Francis	Matheson
	Matte
	Mitchell