

should be specially noticed, so that the attention of the House should be called to the circumstance that there had been a divergence between the petition and the notice given in the *Gazette* and the local newspaper. I do not understand from the report, as I heard it read, that there was any reference made to that divergence.

HON. MR. ALMON—The only trouble in this petition is that it only required three days more for the full term of the notice to expire.

HON. MR. MILLER—The plan usually adopted hitherto in such instances is to move the suspension of the rule. I understood, when I heard the report read, that all the petitions were in the same position—that the rule had been complied with; but I find on reading the report that such is not the case. I think it would be well, under the circumstances, to allow the gentleman who has charge of the petition with which the special circumstances are connected, to make a special motion with regard to that portion of the report.

HON. MR. DICKEY—As this concerns several bills not specially referred to, it would be better for him to move the adoption of the report. The Committee state here that the notice has been found sufficient, then let him move the adoption of the report, and I think the House will be satisfied to deem the petitions as regular.

HON. MR. GOWAN—Perhaps the better course would be to move the adoption of the report.

HON. MR. MILLER—I object to the motion which has just been recommended, because I think it would be placing the House in an improper position. The chief portion of this report relates to petitions against which there is no objection whatever. The report laid before the House sufficiently meets those cases: the others are special cases requiring the ratification of the House. Now to move that the whole report be adopted is to me very illogical while the greater portion of the report does not

require to be adopted. If the hon. gentleman will modify his motion so as to move that that portion of the report referring to such and such a petition be adopted, I have no objection.

HON. MR. DICKEY—My object in making the suggestion was simply to save time. My hon. friend is quite right that the first part of the report does not absolutely require concurrence, but there is nothing to prevent concurrence in the report. I am quite willing to receive the suggestion which has been made and I hope that my hon. friend will also be willing to move that the last two paragraphs of the report with reference to those cases be confirmed.

HON. MR. POWER—I think that the hon. Chairman of the Committee was taking the right course. It is quite true that there are a number of paragraphs in the report which do not require to be confirmed by the House. There are two paragraphs which do require to be confirmed. The confirmation is not necessary for the first two, but it does not do any harm, and as here is a portion of the report which requires to be confirmed I think it is best to put the whole in one motion—that the report be received and adopted. It is true that the practice has been as stated by the hon. member from Richmond, that where the report of a committee on a certain bill, calls for a suspension of the rule, then the member in charge of that bill moves for the suspension of the rule in accordance with the report of the committee. But as there are two bills in this exceptional position now, I think the simpler and shorter way is to let the Chairman of the Committee move the adoption of the report.

HON. MR. MILLER—I think the hon. gentleman would find it hard to refer to the journals of this House and find an instance in which any other course was pursued in a case where the rules of the House had not been complied with, and the Standing Orders Committee so reported, except to move the suspension of the rule, the suspension of which was recommended by the Committee.