

NEW STANDING ORDER 57A

Committee of Supply

The present standing order 28 reads as follows:

28. On Thursdays and Fridays when the order of the day is called for the House to go into committee of supply, or of ways and means, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any question, provided that, except by the unanimous consent of the House, the estimates of each department shall be first taken up on a day other than Thursday or Friday.

This proposal provides for a minimum of six motions to go into committee of supply with a two-day allowance for debate on each of the said six motions and continues the former provision whereby a motion must always be made on certain days in order to put the House into committee of supply on the main estimates.

It also provides for the adding of Wednesdays to the days on which the House goes into committee of supply without question put.

In clause (2) it is provided that the order for supply shall be the first order of the day on a Monday when it is taken for the first six times in a session in order to put the House into committee of supply on the main estimates.

Clause (3) provides for the appointment of certain Mondays for the consideration of the order for supply.

Clause (4) (a) provides for an allowance of two days for each debate.

In clause (4) (b) it is provided that any unused portion of a two-day allowance may be added to the next or any subsequent one of the first six motions to go into supply. Unused time shall begin from the moment Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

Clause (4) (c) provides for the continuing of unfinished debates on a Wednesday, Thursday or a Friday, if the government thinks it is desirable to do so.

Leaving
the chair
on Thurs-
day and
Friday.

Second
motion
proposed

Question
put on
main
motion

Depart-
ments
first
taken up

Interim
supply and
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tary
estimates