

Standing Orders

Monday following Labour Day, lists of Members to compose the standing committees of the House and to act for the House on standing joint committees.

(b) The Striking Committee shall not present a second report pursuant to this Standing Order between the Monday following Labour Day and the end of that calendar year."

That Standing Order 89(3) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(3) The Striking Committee shall also prepare and report lists of Members to act for the House on the following standing joint committees:

- (a) Official Languages, to consist of fifteen members; and
- (b) Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, to consist of eight members.

Provided that a sufficient number of members of the said joint committees shall be appointed so as to keep the same proportion in such committees as between the memberships of both Houses."

That the following new section be added after Standing Order 92(2):

"(3)(a) Notwithstanding Standing Order 96(1), no standing or standing joint committee shall sit at the same time as a legislative committee on a bill emanating from or principally affecting the same department or agency.

(b) During periods coinciding with the hours of sittings of the House, priority shall be given to the meetings of legislative committees over those of standing, special and joint committees.

(c) During periods when the House stands adjourned, priority shall be given to meetings of standing, special and joint committees, according to the schedule established from time to time by the Chief Government Whip, in consultation with representatives of the other parties."

That the following new paragraph be inserted immediately after paragraph (b) of Standing Order 92(4):

"(c) The Liaison Committee shall be empowered to report from time to time to the House."

That Standing Order 93(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"93. (1) Without anticipating the decision of the House, within five sitting days after the commencement of debate on second reading of a bill which is to be referred to a legislative committee, the Striking Committee shall meet to prepare, and shall report not later than the following Thursday, a list of members of such a legislative committee, which shall consist of not more than thirty Members and which shall be organized only in the event that the House adopts the motion for second reading and reference to a legislative committee of the said bill. Upon the presentation of such a report of the Striking Committee, the same shall be deemed adopted."

That sections (4), (5), (6) and (7) of Standing Order 93 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(4) When the Chairman appointed pursuant to section (2) of this Standing Order is unable to act in that capacity at or during a meeting of the legislative committee, the Chairman shall designate a member of the committee to act as Chairman at or during the said meeting and such an acting Chairman shall be vested with all the powers of the Chairman at or during the said meeting."

That Standing Order 94(2) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) The membership of standing and joint committees shall be set out in the report of the Striking Committee, which shall prepare lists of Members in accordance with Standing Order 89. Once the report of the Striking Committee is concurred in, the membership shall continue from session to session within a Parliament, subject to such changes as may be effected from time to time."

That sections (4) and (5) of Standing Order 94 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(4) Changes in the membership of any legislative or special committee shall be effective immediately after notification thereof, signed by the Member acting as the Chief Whip of any recognized party, has been filed with the clerk of the committee."

That Standing Order 96(3)(c) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(c) Management and Members' Services shall include, among other matters, the review of and report, to the Speaker as well as the Board of Internal Economy, on the administration of the House and the provision of services and facilities to Members provided that all matters related thereto shall be deemed to have been permanently referred to the Committee upon its membership having been established; and the review of and report on the effectiveness, management and operation, together with the operational and expenditure plans of all operations which are under the joint administration and control of the two Houses and other related matters as the Committee deems fit;"

That Standing Order 96(4) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(4) So far as this House is concerned, the mandate of the Standing Joint Committee on:

(a) Official Languages shall include, among other matters, the review of and report on official languages policies and programs including the annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages, which shall be deemed, for the purposes of the House, permanently referred to the Committee immediately they are laid upon the Table; and

(b) Regulations and other Statutory Instruments shall include, among other matters, the review and scrutiny of statutory instruments which are permanently referred to the Committee pursuant to the provisions of section 26 of the Statutory Instruments Act.

Provided that both Houses may, from time to time, refer any other matters to the joint committees."

That Standing Order 99(2) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) Within 150 days of the presentation of a report from a standing or special committee, the government shall, upon the request of the committee, table a comprehensive response thereto."

That Standing Order 101 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"101. Within twenty sitting days of the return to Canada of an officially recognized inter-parliamentary delegation composed, in any part, of Members of the House, the head of the delegation, or a Member acting on behalf of him or her, shall present a report to the House on the activities of the delegation."

That the following new section be added immediately after Standing Order 104(3):

"(4) The office of the Minister who recommended the appointment shall provide the curriculum vitae of such an appointee or nominee to the committee upon written application from the clerk of the committee."

That the chapter title preceding Standing Order 106 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"Public Petitions"

That Standing Order 106(2) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) In order to be certified, pursuant to section (1) of this Standing Order, every petition shall:

- (a) be addressed to the House of Commons or to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled;
- (b) contain a clear, proper and respectful prayer requesting that Parliament see fit to take some action within its authority;
- (c) be written, typewritten or printed on paper of usual size;
- (d) be free of erasures or interlineations;
- (e) have its subject matter indicated on every sheet, if it consists of more than one sheet of signatures and addresses;
- (f) contain only original signatures and addresses written directly onto the petition and not pasted thereon or otherwise transferred to it; and
- (g) contain at least twenty-five signatures, together with the addresses of the signatories, from persons other than Members of Parliament."

That Standing Order 116 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"116. When a Minister of the Crown, from his or her place in the House, states that a majority of the representatives of the several parties have come to an agreement in respect of a proposed allotment of days or hours for the proceedings at any stage of the passing of a public bill, the Minister may propose a motion, without notice, during proceedings under Government