

set up not by notice but at the beginning of each session. No motion is required for the Speaker to leave the Chair and the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means to consider something about which the House may have no notice at all. I am assured by the Clerks that there is not one single precedent in the whole history of this Parliament of a Ways and Means Resolution having been placed on the Order Paper by way of formal notice. It is only appended to the Notice Paper. There must be a reason that this type of resolution is not given the usual type of notice provided for by Standing Order No. 41 the reason is that such resolutions are initiated in Ways and Means.

Perhaps I should have mentioned the other day that there is an apparent discrepancy between the procedure which has always been followed and Standing Order 41. It may well be that our rules should be amended in some way relative to Supply and Ways and Means procedure or that we should change the procedure which has been followed in the past. Certainly there seems to be something basically wrong with the principle that a resolution can be brought in without notice at all in the Committee of Ways and Means by virtue of a long standing practice of the House of Commons. Some honourable Members may wish that I submit this matter to the Committee on Procedure. In fact, I propose to submit it to the Chairman of the Committee and ask him to review the situation which was raised at the time. The honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) said that it was a grey area. I admit that it is at least grey and I would ask him along with his colleagues on the Committee to review the situation.

Returning to the perhaps more important question raised by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre and other honourable Members and having considered the point of order, the House might allow me a few moments to review the argument, to look over the blues and study the precedents quoted by all honourable Members. I am sure I will be in a position in the latter part of this afternoon to give a decision. If the Government House Leader is in agreement I would suggest that he might call another order to allow the Speaker to leave the Chair.

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Whereupon Order numbered 69 was allowed to stand.

The House resolved itself again into Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee)*

The following resolutions were adopted:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES "C" 1967-68

FINANCE

ADMINISTRATION

4c Grant to the Endowment Fund of the Vanier Institute of the Family—L'institut Vanier de la famille . . . . .	\$236,869 00
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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOAN BOARD

46c Further amount required in the current and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of Finance Votes 50b of Appropriation Act No. 2, 1966, and 50e of Appropriation Act No. 4, 1966, respecting the forgiveness of 25% of the amounts of the loans made to municipalities under the Municipal Development and Loan Act	17,000,000 00
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