

### *Government Orders*

(a) forty minutes if that Member is the first or second speaker;

(b) twenty minutes following the first two speakers, if that Member begins to speak within the next five hours of consideration; and following the speech of each Member a period not exceeding ten minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow Members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses thereto; and

(c) ten minutes if a Member speaks thereafter.

(2) The Whip of a party may indicate to the Speaker at any time during a debate governed by this Standing Order that one or more of the periods of debate limited pursuant to paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) of this Standing Order, and allotted to Members of his or her party, are to be divided in two."

26. That sections 76(1) and 76(2) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"76.(1) The report stage of any bill reported by any standing, special or legislative committee shall not be taken into consideration prior to the second sitting day following the presentation of the said report, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

(2) If, not later than the sitting day prior to the consideration of a report stage, written notice is given of any motion to amend, delete, insert or restore any clause in a bill, it shall be printed on a *Notice Paper*."

27. That Standing Order 77 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"77.(1) Twenty-four hours' written notice shall be given by a Member proposing any motion respecting Senate amendments to a bill.

(2) In cases in which the Senate disagree to any amendments made by the House of Commons, or to which the House has disagreed, the House is willing to receive the reasons of the Senate for their disagreeing or insisting (as the case may be) by message, without a conference, unless at any time the Senate should desire to communicate the same at a conference.

(3) Any conference between the two Houses may be a free conference.

(4) When the House requests a conference with the Senate, the reasons to be given by this House at the same shall be prepared and agreed to by the House before a message be sent therewith."

28. That sections 78(2) and 78(3) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(2)(a) 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 Orders, setting forth the terms of the said proposed allocation; provided that for the purposes of this section of this Standing Order an allocation may be proposed in one motion to cover the proceedings at both the report

and the third reading stages of a bill if that motion is consistent with the provisions of Standing Order 76(10). The motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment, and the Speaker shall put the question on the said motion forthwith. Any proceeding interrupted pursuant to this section of this Standing Order shall be deemed adjourned.

(b) If a motion pursuant to this section regarding any bill is moved and carried at the beginning of Government Orders on any day and if the order for the said bill is then called and debated for the remainder of the sitting day, the length of that debate shall be deemed to be one sitting day for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this section.

(3)(a) A Minister of the Crown who from his or her place in the House, at a previous sitting, has stated that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of sections (1) or (2) of this Standing Order in respect of proceedings at the stage at which a public bill was then under consideration either in the House or in any committee, and has given notice of his or her intention so to do, may propose a motion during proceedings under Government Orders, for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at that stage; provided that the time allotted for any stage is not to be less than one sitting day and provided that for the purposes of this paragraph an allocation may be proposed in one motion to cover the proceedings at both the report and the third reading stages on a bill if that motion is consistent with the provisions of Standing Order 76(10). The motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment, and the Speaker shall put the question on the said motion forthwith. Any proceeding interrupted pursuant to this section of this Standing Order shall be deemed adjourned.

(b) If a motion pursuant to this section regarding any bill is moved and carried at the beginning of Government Orders on any day and if the order for the said bill is then called and debated for the remainder of the sitting day, the length of that debate shall be deemed to be one sitting day for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this section."

29. That paragraph 81(4)(b) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(b) on the sitting day immediately preceding the final allotted day, but in any case not later than ten sitting days following the day on which any motion made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section is adopted, at not later than the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, the said committee shall report, or shall be deemed to have reported, the main estimates for the said department or agency; and"

30. That section 81(8) of the Standing Orders be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"(8)(a) In any calendar year, five sitting days shall be allotted to the business of supply for the period ending not later than December 10; seven additional days shall be allotted to the business of supply in the period ending not later than March 26; and eight additional days shall be allotted to the business of supply in the period ending not later than June 23; provided that the number of sitting days so