

of a bill, then if we are to follow the argument made by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre and by the honourable Member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Aiken), that exception would have been provided in Standing Order 16, but it was not.

And yet if we were considering the third reading stage of an item of business under a time allocation order, on a day when we have Private Members' Business, I wonder if anyone should argue that we should not suspend the Private Members' Hour because it is not specified in Standing Order 16. Obviously there is a mistake either in the drafting of provisional Standing Order 15-A or in the reconsideration that should have been made of Standing Order 16.

I have every possible sympathy with the suggestion made by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre that because of this uncertainty we should leave the matter in a state of suspended animation. There are four minutes left this afternoon and I can say very honestly to honourable Members that if I were to make a ruling, in view of the uncertainty of the situation I would certainly rule to support the decision of the Chairman of the Committee because there is as much logic to support his view as there is logic to support the other view, and when in doubt I think the Chair should not overrule the decision of his colleague, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

For this reason, and in view of the fact that there are only three minutes left before we adjourn at six o'clock, I would suggest to honourable Members that we either go back to Private Members' Business for a little while, for the next two minutes, or that we call it six o'clock. But, of course, we would have to resume in any event in Committee of the Whole, and this exercise will take a short while, which will take us to the time of adjournment, and we will suggest in a formal way to the Special Committee on Procedure that it review at the first opportunity the provisions of provisional Standing Order 15-A in conjunction with the provisions of Standing Order 16.

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The House resumed consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-243, An Act to amend the National Defence Act and other Acts in consequence thereof, and progress having been made and reported the Committee obtained leave to consider it again at the next sitting of the House.

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*Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House*

The following paper having been deposited with the Clerk of the House was laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 40 namely:

By Miss LaMarsh, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Supplementary Return to an Address, dated November 16, 1966, to His Excellency the Governor General for a copy of all letters, telegrams or other documents exchanged between the Government of Canada and any other governments, firms, associations or individuals in the matter of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. proposal to build a natural gas pipeline from Manitoba to Ontario.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 176*).

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At six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without question put until Monday next at 2.30 o'clock p.m.