

On motion of Mr. Pilon, seconded by Mr. McNulty, it was ordered,—That the names of Messrs. Danforth, Muir (Lisgar), Watson (Assiniboia), McKinley, Moore (Wetaskiwin) and Herridge be substituted for those of Messrs. Alkenbrack, Chatterton, Fairweather, Flemming, Madill and Orlikow on the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development.

Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Pennell, moved,—That the House adjourn immediately following the giving of Royal Assent to the Supply Bills referred to in paragraph (5) of the Special Order made Monday, June 26, 1967, and to any other measures, and that the House shall stand adjourned until Monday, September 25, 1967, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.; provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with Her Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

That, in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And debate arising thereon;

Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Barnett, proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That the motion be amended by inserting therein, immediately after the words "and to any other measures," the following words: "including a measure respecting the pensions of retired civil servants,".

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: I thank honourable Members for their assistance to me in ruling on the very interesting point of order raised originally by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. MacEachen). I have had the usual consultations in the light of the advice given to the Chair and I am now in a position to render a decision, or at least give an expression of opinion.

It seems to me there is something to what was said by the Minister of National Health and Welfare when he suggested that it is a new proposition which the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) seeks to introduce in the consideration of the motion. To my mind this amendment goes even further, in that to a considerable extent it is a substantive amendment raising an entirely new question, which would require notice.

However, there is some doubt on this point and I might have tended to accept the amendment if there were that objection only. There is another objection which is more serious and which I take the liberty to bring to the attention of honourable Members. I would refer honourable Members to Beauchesne's fourth edition, citation 260(1) which reads as follows:

"The tendency has been in the Canadian House of Commons, for the past 25 years, to rule out all motions purporting to give the government a direct order to do a thing which cannot be done without the expenditure of money. Our Journals are full of precedents to this effect."

To my mind this citation is exactly on the point, and because of this I must rule the amendment out of order.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Pennell,—That the House adjourn immediately following the giving of Royal