

- (ii) the responsibility for and adequacy of radioactive waste management, both high and low level;
  - (iii) public rights of access to information in nuclear matters;
- (c) federal-provincial considerations:
- (i) an examination of federal instruments, structures and responsibilities for the development and regulation of nuclear equipment, technology, materials and facilities;
  - (ii) the role of federal agencies and the adequacy of federal legislation in the event of a nuclear accident and in the prevention of harm to man and the natural environment;
  - (iii) the evolution of intergovernmental arrangements for, and views of the provinces on, the financing of nuclear energy;
- (d) international considerations:
- (i) an examination of Canada's nuclear export policy;
  - (ii) an examination of Canada's safeguards requirements for the export of materials, nuclear materials, equipment and information in the context of the development of an effective international non-proliferation system;
- that ten members of the House of Commons to be designated at a later date be members on the part of this House on the special joint committee;
- that the committee have power to appoint from among its members such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate such sub-committees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- that the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;
- that the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;
- that the committee have power to adjourn from place to place within Canada;
- that the committee be empowered to retain the services of expert advisors and to commission studies or research to assist in its work and that it also be empowered to retain such professional, technical, clerical and stenographic help as may be required;
- that the committee submit reports from time to time and in any case a final report not later than October 31, 1980 which shall include recommendations for the revision or replacement, if need be, of the *Atomic Energy Control Act* together with such other matters within its general mandate as it wishes to report on or recommend;
- that a quorum of the committee be 7 members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when 5 members are present so long as both Houses are represented; and
- that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that that House do unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it to be advisable, . . . members to act on the proposed special joint committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21, this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.

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### BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACTS, 1867 TO 1974

#### REVIEW OF RULES BY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

On the order: Government notices of motion:

October 22, 1979—The President of the Privy Council:

That the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be authorized pursuant to section 7, chapter 13, Statutes of Canada, 1974-75-76, to review the Rules provided by subsection 51(1) of the *British North America Acts, 1867 to*

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1974, as amended by the *British North America Act (No. 2), 1974*, and to make recommendations with respect to any amendments, alterations or modifications thereto that appear to the committee then to be necessary or desirable.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

### RAILWAYS

#### CANCELLATION OF TRANSCONTINENTAL PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), under the provisions of Standing Order 26, to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing an important and specific matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the cancellation of transcontinental passenger rail service to several important areas and centres across Canada due to take effect on Saturday of this week, despite a serious breach of the principles of democracy and federalism in the making of these decisions, specifically, the lack of opportunity for public appeal and the absence of provincial consultation, and in spite of the terrible inconvenience that will be caused to the people in the areas and centres affected, with service to New Westminster and Fort Langley in British Columbia being cancelled, service between Capreol and Winnipeg and between Edmundston and Quebec City being cancelled, and service in northern New Brunswick being drastically cut back.

**Mr. Speaker:** In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 26, the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett) gave me notice, as required within the rule, within the time prescribed and gave me also an opportunity, therefore, to consider whether or not this kind of matter is proper for discussion under Standing Order 26.

Hon. members will realize that it is with some difficulty that the emergency rule, as it is sometimes called, would be applied to a decision to be taken by a board. Obviously, there are circumstances in which that could take place, but on the face of it, it certainly does not appear to be the general area in which we would be looking for the application of an emergency.

I would like to refer the hon. member, with respect to the guidance and application of this rule, to the language of subparagraph 16(a) of the Standing Order which reads:

The right to move the adjournment of the House for the above purposes is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The matter proposed for discussion must relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration;—