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Olson) said, we have had 24-hour notice provisions only since the last revision of the rules.

Mr. Horner: I agree.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): The 24-hour provision, since it came into effect, has meant one day from the point at which the notice was given until the matter was debated.

Mr. Simpson: How much is ten feet of flooding?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On the Red River it is a lot. I think the basic point of confusion of the hon. member for Crowfoot is that he thinks that the requirement for written notice mentioned in two or three places in Standing Order 75 is the same thing as that notice appearing on the Order Paper. I invite him to face this fact, that written notice is something that a member writes out and hands to the Clerk at the table before six o'clock on any day. I submit, Mr. Speaker, that that is not just an assertion of mine but that it is spelled out clearly in Standing Order 42. The last sentence of Standing Order 42 (1) reads:

Such notice shall be laid on the table before six o'clock p.m., or before five o'clock p.m. on a Friday, and be printed in the *Votes and Proceedings* of that day.

When a member has given notice in writing to the table on any day before six o'clock, or before five o'clock on Friday, then the 24 or 48 hour period counts from that day.

Mr. Horner: I will speak again on this point.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I remind the hon. member for Crowfoot that on occasion he has been the official opposition spokesman on motions at the report stage, and I believe also on the motion on an opposition day. What happens on an opposition day?

An hon. Member: Very little.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): An opposition member files notice this afternoon and gives it to the table by six o'clock. Tomorrow it appears on the Notice Paper. Tomorrow we debate it. And nobody gets up and says, "We have not had 24 hours. We have not seen this on the Order Paper for two days; it has been on the Order Paper for only a short while." Yet Standing Order 58 (4), which covers this point, is in the same lan-

guage as the wording in Standing Order 75. Standing Order 58 (4) (a) reads:

Twenty-four hours' written notice shall be given of an opposition motion on an allotted day or of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates.

It does not say that the notice must appear on the Order Paper 24 hours before the day it is debated. It says the written notice must be given to the Clerk at the table the day before it is debated. I submit, with respect to my hon. friend, that he is confusing these two things. The written notice required in the rules is what the member hands to the table. The appearance on the Notice Paper in the case of a 24-hour rule, or on the Order Paper in the case of a 48-hour rule, is a different thing. I already referred to Standing Order 42. In *Beauchesne's* fourth edition there is a citation that bears on this point. Citation 188 reads:

(1) The publication of a proposed motion, once in the *Votes and Proceedings* and the next day on the order paper, is sufficient to cover two days' notice under Standing Order 41.

The reason it says 41 is because Standing Order 41, when this book was written, was the order that is now Standing Order 42. It has been that way from the beginning of time. As far as the 48-hour rule is concerned, notice is given one day, it appears on *Votes and Proceedings* that we see the next sitting day, and the day after that it appears on the Order Paper. As a matter of fact, we debate matters under the 48-hour rule on the first day that they appear in writing on the Order Paper. I therefore ask my hon. friend not to confuse these two things, the written notice that he gives to the Clerk at the table and the appearance of it on the Order Paper.

We have in our possession now 30 or 40 amendments to Bill C-196 at the report stage. Some, perhaps most of them, are in the name of the hon. member for Crowfoot. He gave the notice yesterday.

Mr. Horner: No.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): He did not?

Mr. Horner: Before yesterday.

An hon. Member: He was here all summer.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): All right. They were not on any previous Order Paper. Yesterday was the first sitting day since June 26. The hon. member gave notice yesterday as far as sitting days are concerned. They were not on yesterday's Order Paper.