

happens to be a worth-while objective, it is not the purport of this particular matter.

**Mr. MacEachen:** That is correct.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** I see the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) is nodding his head.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** If the hon. member, before raising the point of order, had given me the chance to put the question he would perhaps have had his answer. The motion does not relate to any such indication. I would therefore put it to the House at this time. It has been moved under Standing Order 6(5) by the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Goodale), seconded by the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Landers):

That this House continue sitting beyond the ordinary time of daily adjournment this day for the purpose of continuing the consideration of Bill C-63, an act to provide for the continuation of air traffic control services.

All those opposed to the motion will please rise. I declare the motion carried.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to propose a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 44. I move:

That notwithstanding any Standing Order Bill C-63 may be proceeded with at any number of stages this day.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Although the Chair identifies some disposition among the majority of the members to agree, I have some hesitation as to the time of moving the motion knowing that the House came out of committee for the purpose of agreeing to a motion by the minister to extend the hours of sitting beyond the normal hours to consider a certain piece of legislation. I have some hesitation about the minister taking advantage of the same opportunity to move a motion under Standing Order 44 and I am ready to accept some argument on that. I also wish to mention to the minister that this motion is debatable and could be debated for an hour.

**Mr. MacEachen:** On that point, Mr. Speaker, I did consider the very point you have raised before deciding to take this course of action. The Standing Order is very clear. It says that "a Minister of the Crown may, at any time when Mr. Speaker is in the Chair, propose a motion". It does not surround the moment of proposing this motion with any conditions. The plain fact is that the Speaker is in the Chair and the Standing Order plainly says "at any time".

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I must admit that the words "at any time" are fairly convincing. I will therefore put the motion to the House. Under this Standing Order the same rule would apply, namely, that ten members would have to stand for the motion to be withdrawn. The motion still remains, of course, debatable. The President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen), seconded by the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Andras), moves:

That notwithstanding any Standing Order Bill C-63 may be proceeded with at any number of stages this day.

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Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this is not one of the motions contemplated by this Standing Order. There are other provisions in the Standing Orders having to do with three readings in the same day. I suggest that the minister of the Crown who moved the motion did not indicate in the motion or the preamble thereto that there was any special urgency for third reading tonight.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I think the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Jones) has the right to be heard at this time.

**Mr. Jones:** The very Standing Order under which the minister purports to make his motion provides that he is supposed to indicate something which he did not indicate, namely, that there was a serious and urgent matter here. If this motion is to have any effect, this should have been done. Furthermore, in order to have three readings in one day the legislation must deal with an extraordinary matter. Is it extraordinary? I suppose it is to re-write in a few hours an agreement reached by a bargaining unit. I think the minister's motion is strictly out of order on several grounds and it should not be entertained. I object to it very strongly.

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I must bring to the attention of the hon. member that the motion is already in front of the House and that a decision has been rendered by the Chair, rightly or wrongly, which has not been tested in due time. If no other member wishes to speak to the motion I will put the question on the motion.

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that we have a bill here which is before committee of the whole. As we go through the bill we find ministers bobbing up like jack rabbits out of hats pointing out that certain parts of the bill do not coincide, that the French version does not coincide with the English, and vice-versa. It seems to me we are proceeding with undue haste. Moving quickly to deal with all stages out of hand without making a decision after we finish committee stage of the bill seems to me rather precipitately giving power to the government to move all stages this evening. It seems to me that is not the way to deal with this serious matter of putting into force a collective agreement for a group of workers. If members of parliament let the government escape with this kind of sleight of hand under this particular Standing Order, I do not think we would be serving the purposes for which we have been elected and for which we are debating this bill here tonight.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?