

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 18 November 1986

STANDING ORDERS

Proposed Amendments

S.O. 3: To insert, in their appropriate order, the following definitions;

“Local bill” means a public bill promoted by a local authority which affects a particular locality only;

“Private bill” means a bill which, not being a public bill, is designed for the particular interest or benefit of a person or body of persons, whether incorporated or not;

“Regulation” means a regulation within the meaning of the Act of Parliament for the time being making general provision for the laying of regulations before the House;

S.O. 4 (e): To omit the expression “Part III” and substitute the expression “Part IV”.

S.O. 42: To omit the expression “11 p.m.” and substitute the expression “10.30 p.m.”

S.O. 50: To add the following proviso to paragraph (7):

Provided that the seeking or granting of leave of the House and the completion of any business transacted in accordance with that leave shall not cause urgency to lapse.

S.O. 68: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

68. Sittings of the House on Wednesdays—At a Wednesday sitting of the House the House shall proceed with its business in the following order:

1. Presentation of petitions;
2. Presentation of papers;
3. Questions for oral answer;
4. A debate on a definite matter of urgent public importance;
5. A general debate under Standing Order 92;
6. Presentation of select committee reports on private, local, and private members' bills;
7. Orders of the day for private bills;
8. Orders of the day for local bills;

9. Orders of the day for private members' bills;
10. Private members' notices of motion;
11. Orders of the day for consideration of select committee reports;
12. Presentation of other select committee reports;
13. Government orders of the day, Government notices of motion and the order of the day for the Address in Reply;
14. Any other order of the day:

Provided that on each alternate Wednesday presentation of select committee reports, Government orders of the day, Government notices of motion, and the order of the day for the Address in Reply shall be taken immediately after the general debate under Standing Order 92.

S.O. 69: To omit the expression "307" and substitute the expression "306".

S.O. 73: To omit the words "the Legislature Amendment Act 1977" and substitute the words "any statute".

S.O. 75: To insert in paragraph (1) after the word "Minister" the words "or the Speaker".

To insert, after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

(1A) Questions for written answer may be put to the Speaker relating to any matter of administration for which the Speaker is responsible.

To omit from paragraph (3) the words "to private members" and substitute the words "under this Standing Order".

S.O.s 77, 78, and 79: To omit these Standing Orders and substitute the following:

77. Notice to be given of questions—Notices of questions (specifying whether an oral or a written reply is desired) shall be given by members in writing to the Clerk. A notice of a question must be signed by the member or by another member on the member's behalf.

78. Lodging of oral questions—(1) Notices of questions for oral answer shall be given as follows:

- (a) Questions to be answered at a Tuesday sitting, by the previous Thursday;
- (b) Questions to be answered at a Wednesday sitting, by the previous Friday;
- (c) Questions to be answered at a Thursday sitting, by the previous Tuesday.

In all cases notice shall be given no later than 11 a.m. on the day specified.

(2) The Clerk shall place on the Order Paper the first 16 notices of oral questions addressed to Ministers lodged by the time specified in subparagraphs (a) or (b) or (c) (as the case may be) of paragraph (1) above.

79. Lodging of written questions—Notices of questions for written answer may be given no later than 11 a.m. on a day on which the House sits and shall be placed on the Order Paper by the Clerk for answer in accordance with Standing Order 88.

S.O. 85: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

85. Supplementary questions—At the discretion of the Speaker, a supplementary question may be asked by any member to elucidate or clarify a matter raised in a question or in an answer given to a question.

S.O. 86: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

86. Questions not reached before expiry of question period—Any oral questions addressed to the Ministers which have not been reached at the expiry of the time provided in Standing Order 81(2) shall be answered in writing by 5.30 p.m. that day.

S.O. 87: To omit the word “Speaker” in paragraph (1) and substitute the word “Clerk”.

To omit from paragraph (3) the words “to elucidate the answer given by the Minister”.

S.O. 88: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

88. Replies to questions for written answer—(1) A reply to a question for written answer shall be given by delivering it to the Clerk together with a copy to be supplied to the member who asked the question. The question and reply shall be printed in *Hansard* and on the Order Paper.

(2) The reply shall be furnished to the Clerk for delivery to the member not later than the third sitting day following the first appearance of the notice of the question on the Order Paper, except that whenever Parliament goes into recess or the House adjourns for a period of more than seven days, the replies to all questions for written answer on the Order Paper at the time of that recess or adjournment shall be furnished for delivery not later than the seventh day after the commencement of that recess or adjournment.

Part XV and S.O. 89: To omit the heading to this Part and the Standing Order, and substitute the following heading and Standing Order:

DEBATE ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE

89. Member may move that House take note of a definite matter of urgent public importance—(1) A motion that the House take note of a definite matter of urgent public importance may be moved at the time appointed by Standing Order 67 or by Standing Order 68.

(2) A member proposing to move such a motion shall submit to the Speaker at least one hour (or such less time as may be allowed by the Speaker) before the time fixed for the meeting of the House a written statement of the matter proposed to be debated.

(3) If the Speaker is of the opinion that the matter proposed to be debated is one contemplated by this Standing Order, the Speaker shall read the statement to the House and then call on the member to move the motion.

(4) The statement of the matter proposed to be debated on a motion under this Standing Order shall not be framed in general terms but shall deal with a particular case of recent occurrence which requires the immediate attention of the

House and the Government and which involves the administrative or ministerial responsibility of the Government.

S.O. 90: To omit the words “**discuss an**” from the headnote and substitute the words “**take note of**”.

To omit the word “discuss” in paragraph (1) and substitute the words “take note of”.

S.O. 91: To omit the word “discuss” wherever it occurs and substitute the words “take note of”.

S.O. 92: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

92. General debate on Wednesdays—(1) On each Wednesday, at the time appointed by Standing Order 68, a general debate shall be held and, for this purpose, a member may move that the House take note of miscellaneous business.

(2) During the general debate reference may be made to any private members’ notices of motion, any select committee reports (other than reports on bills, estimates, petitions, or questions of privilege) presented during the session and any Government responses to such reports, and any ministerial replies to questions given or ministerial statements made within the previous week.

(3) The general debate shall not exceed two hours (at which time the motion shall lapse) and no member’s speech shall exceed 10 minutes.

(4) On any day on which a debate on a definite matter of urgent public importance is held, the general debate shall, notwithstanding paragraph (2) above, lapse at 8 p.m.

S.O. 117: To omit this Standing Order.

S.O. 130: To add to paragraph (4) the following words:

The vote of any member who does not remain in the Chamber or in the voting lobbies until the declaration of the numbers, shall be disallowed.

S.O. 131: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

131. One minute bell for divisions in certain cases—In respect of any division which is held without any debate or other proceeding occurring since the immediately preceding division, the Speaker or Chairman may order the doors to be locked after the division bells have been rung for one minute.

S.O. 145: To add the words “but an acknowledgment is not required from members while a division is in progress”.

S.O. 148: To insert after the word “seated” the words “(except when participating in a division)”.

S.O. 217: To insert at the beginning of the Standing Order the words “Subject to Standing Order 217A,”.

New S.O. 217A: To insert the following new Standing Order:

217A. Consideration Part by Part—(1) Immediately before the committee enters upon consideration of the first clause contained in a Part of a bill, any member may move that that Part, or that Part and all or any of the remaining Parts of the bill, be considered Part by Part.

(2) In respect of any Part of a bill which the committee resolves to consider Part by Part, Standing Order 217 shall

apply in respect of the order of business to be observed by the committee as if items 1 and 2 of that Standing Order referred to "Parts" instead of to "clauses".

(3) After a resolution has been passed under this Standing Order, the Minister in charge of the bill in the case of a Government bill and any member in the case of any other bill may, immediately before the committee enters upon any subsequent Part which is subject to the resolution, move that that Part be considered clause by clause. Such a motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. Except in accordance with this paragraph a resolution to consider a bill Part by Part may be varied only with the leave of the committee.

S.O. 220: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

220. Amendments in committee—(1) Any amendment may be made to a bill, provided it is relevant to the subject-matter of the bill, or pursuant to any instruction, and is otherwise in conformity with the rules and orders of the House; but if any amendment is not within the Title of the bill the committee shall amend the Title accordingly, and report this specially to the House.

(2) During consideration of a bill no question on any amendment shall be proposed by the Chairman but any proposed amendment which is properly notified on a Supplementary Order Paper or is handed in to the Table may (subject to the right of the Chairman to control relevancy in the debate) be referred to in the course of the debate as if a question on it had been proposed, and all such amendments which are in order shall be put and decided before the main question is determined.

S.O. 222: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

222. Questions to be put in committee—A question shall be put that each clause (or, as the case may be, each part) stand part of the bill or as amended stand part of the bill.

S.O. 224: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

224. New clauses (or Parts) offered in committee—On a new clause (or, as the case may be, a new Part) being moved in committee it shall be read a first time without question put.

S.O. 235: To omit the headnote and substitute the following headnote:

235. Recommittal of Bill—

S.O. 240: To omit this Standing Order.

S.O. 245: To insert in paragraph (b) of the proviso to paragraph (1) before the word "Proclamation" the words "statute, ordinance,".

S.O. 248: To add the following proviso to paragraph (1):

Provided that a Bill may, on motion of the member in charge of the Bill, be referred to any other select committee if that other committee's order of reference makes it a more appropriate committee to consider the Bill.

S.O. 262: To omit paragraph (1).

S.O. 286: To omit paragraph (1) (except the proviso) and substitute the following:

(1) In a committee of the whole House a member shall be entitled to speak three times on the Short Title of a bill or any amendment thereto, twice during consideration of any class of Estimates or Supplementary Estimates and not more than four times on any other question before the Committee:

S.O. 302: To omit this Standing Order and substitute the following:

302. Imprest Supply Bills—(1) Subject to Standing Order 42, all stages of an Imprest Supply Bill may be taken on the same day.

(2) The question for the introduction of an Imprest Supply Bill shall be put without debate. There shall be no speech by the mover on moving the motion for the second reading. No member shall be entitled to speak to that motion or to any amendment to that motion for more than 15 minutes and the total debate shall not exceed four hours. Fifteen minutes before the expiration of the total time allowed for the debate the Speaker shall interrupt the member speaking and call upon the mover of the motion to speak. The mover's speech shall terminate the debate.

(3) After an Imprest Supply Bill has been read a second time the House shall proceed to the question for the third reading of the bill without resolving itself into committee, and there shall be no further debate on, or amendment to, any of the bill's provisions:

Provided that the House may, on motion without notice, resolve itself into committee on the bill and in such a case amendments may be moved by the Minister in charge of the bill and such amendments shall be open for debate.

S.O. 323: To add to paragraph (4) the following subparagraph:

(e) To examine the public accounts, having regard to matters in relation thereto raised in the annual report of the Controller and Auditor-General.

S.O. 352: To add to paragraph (1) the following words:

If debate on a motion to table a report is interrupted it shall be set down for resumption on the next sitting day after the presentation of select committee reports on that day.

To add to paragraph (2) the following words:

A report which has not been considered within 15 sitting days of the tabling under Standing Order 352A of a Government response which relates to it, shall be struck off the Order Paper.

To add to paragraph (3) the following words:

The debate on a motion under this paragraph shall not exceed one hour. The speeches of the first two members in the debate shall not exceed 10 minutes and the speeches of subsequent members shall not exceed five minutes.

New S.O. 352A: To insert the following new Standing Order:

352A. Government responses to select committee reports—(1) The Government shall, not more than 90 days

after a report from a select committee has been laid upon the Table, present a paper to the House responding to any recommendations contained in the report which are addressed to it.

(2) This Standing Order does not apply in respect of select committee reports on bills, estimates, petitions, or questions of privilege.

(3) If the period of 90 days referred to in this Standing Order expires on a day when Parliament is in recess or the House is adjourned, the paper responding to the recommendations shall be presented no later than the third sitting day following that recess or adjournment.

S.O. 388: To omit paragraph (2) and substitute the following:

(2) All regulations shall stand referred to the Regulations Review Committee for investigation by the Committee.

To omit the words “, where that other select committee so requests,” in paragraph (3) (b).