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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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FIRST REPORT

FROM THE

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON

STANDING ORDERS.

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## EXTRACT FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

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FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1929.

6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Watkins be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; three to form a quorum.  
Question—put and passed.
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

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TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1931.

*Members present:*

The Speaker (Mr. Makin).	Mr. Earle Page.
The Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin).	Mr. Theodore.
The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Latham).	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Bayley.	

Mr. Speaker was called to the Chair.

The Committee discussed the question of time limits for debates and speeches and unanimously agreed to recommend the adoption of the time limits as submitted in its First Report.

Ordered—That Mr. Speaker present the Report, and that the Prime Minister ask for its consideration to be fixed by the House for Thursday next.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee adjourned.

# REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders have the honour to report to your Honourable House as follows:—

That the Committee have the honour to recommend that the following Standing Order be adopted by the House to follow Standing Order No. 257A:—

257B. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Standing Orders—

(a) the maximum period for which a Member may speak on any subject indicated in this Standing Order, and the maximum period for any debate, shall not, unless otherwise ordered, exceed the period specified opposite to that subject in the following Schedule:—

Subject.	Time.
<i>In the House</i> —	
Address-in-Reply—	
Each Member .. .. .	35 minutes.
Motion for Adjournment to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance (under Standing Order No. 38) —	
Mover .. .. .	20 minutes.
Minister first speaking .. .. .	20 minutes.
Any other Member .. .. .	10 minutes.
Motion for Adjournment of House to close the business of the day—	
Each Member .. .. .	10 minutes.
Want of Confidence Motion	
Mover .. .. .	60 minutes.
Minister first speaking .. .. .	60 minutes.
Any other Member .. .. .	35 minutes.
Limitation of debate—Motion for allotment of time (under Standing Order No. 262A)—	
Whole Debate .. .. .	30 minutes.
Each Member .. .. .	5 minutes.
Second Reading of a Bill	
Mover .. .. .	60 minutes.
Leader of Opposition or Member deputed by him speaking first to such motion .. .. .	60 minutes.
Any other Member .. .. .	45 minutes.
Debates not otherwise provided for—	
Each Member .. .. .	35 minutes.
<i>In Committee</i> —	
Member in charge of a Bill .. .. .	(periods not specified).
Limitation of debate—Motion for allotment of time (under Standing Order No. 262A)—	
Whole Debate .. .. .	30 minutes.
Each Member .. .. .	5 minutes.
Financial Statement or Tariff—	
General Debate—	
Minister in charge .. .. .	(periods not specified).
Leader of Opposition or Member deputed by him speaking first .. .. .	60 minutes.
Any other Member .. .. .	45 minutes.
Each Question before the Chair on the Estimates or on a Tariff—	
Minister in charge .. .. .	(periods not specified).
Each Member other than Minister in charge—two periods each not exceeding .. .. .	30 minutes.
Debates not otherwise provided for—	
Each Member—two periods each not exceeding .. .. .	15 minutes.

*In the House or in Committee*—

Extension of time— with the consent of a majority of the House or of the Committee, to be determined without debate, a Member may be allowed to continue his speech for periods each not exceeding .. 15 minutes.

(b) a debate on a motion under Standing Order No. 38 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance may be continued for a period of two hours.

N. J. O. MAKIN,  
Chairman.

21st April, 1931.