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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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from the

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

of the

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

21st May, 1952.

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The Standing Orders Committee has reviewed Standing Order No. 48 of the House, and recommends that it be omitted and the following Standing Order adopted in its stead:-

"106A. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Such a matter may be submitted to the House only after Petitions have been presented and Notices of Motion given and before the Business of the Day is called on. The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker at least one hour before the time fixed for the meeting of the House a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed; and if the Speaker determines that it is in order, he shall read it to the House. The proposed discussion must be supported by eight Members, including the proposer, rising in their places as indicating approval. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak. Discussion of matter of urgency.

At any time during the discussion, a Motion may be made by any Member 'That the Business of the Day be called on' and such Motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate, and, if agreed to, the Business of the Day shall be proceeded with immediately. A Motion in any other form will not be in order.

In the event of more than one matter being presented for the same day, priority shall be given to the matter which, in the opinion of the Speaker, is the most urgent and important."

It is further recommended that the following consequential amendments be made:-

Standing Order No. 62, after "Privilege" insert "upon a matter submitted under Standing Order No. 106A".

Standing Order No. 87, after paragraph (g) insert "(ga) Motion that the Business of the Day be called on (Standing Order No. 106A);".

Standing Order No. 92, omit "Motion for Adjournment to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance (under Standing Order No. 48)-", insert "Discussion of definite matter of urgent public importance (under Standing Order No. 106A)-".

Omit Standing Order No. 49, insert:-

"49. A Motion for the adjournment of the House may be moved only by a Minister."

Adjournment of House.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Chairman.

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