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PRAYERS
10:30 A.M.

PRIÈRES
10 H 30

The Speaker delivered the following ruling:-

Le Président a rendu la décision suivante :-

On September 22, the Member for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington (Mr. Hillier) provided written notice of his intention to raise a point of privilege with respect to Bill 2, An Act to amend various statutes with respect to election matters. I have also reviewed a written submission from the NDP Chief Whip (Mr. Vanthof) that is broadly supportive of Mr. Hillier's submission. I am now prepared to rule on this matter without hearing further from the member, as Standing Order 21(d) permits me to do.

The member states that the government has indicated that it intends to bring forward certain amendments to the bill when the bill is eventually at that stage in committee. The member alleges that the anticipated amendments are of such a nature, and of such significance, that he is unable to meaningfully participate in the current debate since the current version of the bill is incomplete as a result. The member therefore says he is unable to fulfill his duties and functions as a member, which is a breach of privilege.

I will note that when this bill was last debated, the Member for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington raised a point of order to challenge the orderliness of Bill 2 on substantially the same grounds as are raised in his point of privilege. After considering the point of order last Thursday, the Deputy Speaker found that Bill 2 was in order and that the debate on the bill was properly before the House.

I will also note that, while the member alleges that he is unable to perform his parliamentary duties by debating Bill 2, in fact he did participate in the debate last Thursday and delivered a nearly-one hour lead off speech. It is difficult to reconcile the member's plea that he has been prevented from participating in the debate when quite the opposite is the actual case.

I understand the nuance in the member's argument with respect to the fact that certain possible amendments to the bill were not available for him to substantively address during his speech, but that fact did not prevent the member from being able to stand in the House and participate in the debate.

Further, the possibility that amendments to a bill will be put forward in a committee exists with any bill; there is nothing about the legislative process on Bill 2 that is different from any other public bill. I will finally say that the member's fear that he will be deprived of meaningful participation on Bill 2 ought to be tempered by the realization that he - and all members - are protected from arbitrarily having amendments sprung on them that are beyond the scope of the bill as it was agreed to in principle at second reading. Admissible amendments must fall within the umbrella of the bill as agreed to, to that point.

For the various reasons just mentioned, I cannot find that the member has made out a *prima facie* case of privilege.

ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ORALES

The House recessed at 11:46 a.m.

À 11 h 46, la Chambre a suspendu la séance.

1:00 P.M.

13 H

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:-

Bill 23, An Act to proclaim the month of October Islamic Heritage Month. Ms. Armstrong.

Bill 24, An Act to proclaim the week immediately preceding the third Sunday in June as Men's Health Awareness Week. Mr. Potts.

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills:-

Bill Pr47, An Act to revive 289619 Ontario Limited. Mr. Colle.

DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

Les projets de loi suivants sont présentés et lus une première fois :-

Projet de loi 23, Loi proclamant le mois d'octobre Mois du patrimoine musulman. M^{me} Armstrong.

Projet de loi 24, Loi proclamant la semaine précédant le troisième dimanche de juin Semaine de la sensibilisation à la santé des hommes. M. Potts.

Le projet de loi suivant est présenté, lu une première fois et renvoyé au Comité permanent des règlements et des projets de loi d'intérêt privé :-

PETITIONS

Price of electricity (Sessional Paper No. P-1) Mr. Walker.

Train derailment outside Gogama (Sessional Paper No. P-2) M^{me} Gélinas.

Global adjustment (Sessional Paper No. P-8) Mr. Miller (Parry Sound—Muskoka).

Sale of Hydro One (Sessional Paper No. P-9) M^{me} Gélinas and Mr. Walker.

Minimum Wage of \$15 an hour (Sessional Paper No. P-21) Ms. Sattler.

Transportation needs in rural and northern Ontario (Sessional Paper No. P-38) Mr. Walker.

How the government does business with donors to the Ontario Liberal Party (Sessional Paper No. P-39) Mr. Walker.

Fluoridation legislation (Sessional Paper No. P-40) Mr. Delaney.

Institutional ice machines (Sessional Paper No. P-41) Mr. Potts and Ms. Vernile.

Motorized snow vehicles and high rates of speed (Sessional Paper No. P-42) Mr. Vanthof.

PÉTITIONS**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Second Reading of Bill 13, An Act in respect of the cost of electricity.

Debate resumed, during which the Acting Speaker (Mr. Arnott) interrupted the proceedings and announced that there had been more than six and one-half hours of debate and that the debate would be deemed adjourned.

ORDRE DU JOUR

Deuxième lecture du projet de loi 13, Loi concernant le coût de l'électricité.

Le débat a repris. Le président suppléant (M. Arnott) a interrompu les travaux et a annoncé qu'il y avait eu plus de six heures et demie de débat et que le débat est réputé ajourné.

Second Reading of Bill 2, An Act to amend various statutes with respect to election matters.

Debate resumed and after some time the House adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Deuxième lecture du projet de loi 2, Loi visant à modifier diverses lois en ce qui a trait à des questions concernant les élections.

Le débat a repris et après quelque temps, à 18 h 01, la Chambre a ajourné ses travaux.

le président

DAVE LEVAC

Speaker

**SESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 40**

**DOCUMENTS PARLEMENTAIRES
DÉPOSÉS CONFORMÉMENT À
L'ARTICLE 40 DU RÈGLEMENT**

Certificate pursuant to Standing Order 108(f)(1) re intended appointments dated September 23, 2016 (No. 16) (Tabled September 23, 2016).
