

Diefenbaker Has Warning As House Seeks Speedup

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition leader Diefenbaker has warned that the cabinet becomes evened out in changing its rules, Parliament must avoid speeding the trend towards an all-powerful cabinet.

"Expedition and efficiency are important," he told the Commons. "At the same time, there must be no sacrifice of the essential rights of Parliament."

He spoke shortly before the House approved a government motion to create a special 15-member Commons committee to streamline the rules governing parliamentary debate or action.

These were among the changes Mr. Diefenbaker proposed: Clear the chamber of desks for each MP—desks used to hold notes and other reference material while speaking. Without these to rely on, members would make shorter and more effective speeches.

Give MPs research facilities—perhaps a group of research officials available to all members.

Sit longer hours right from the start of a session. Put a time limit on the daily oral question period.

Adopt the British Parliament's voting system whereby it takes about two minutes to count MPs going into lobbies. It now takes about 20 minutes for the formal roll-call in the Canadian House.

Mr. Diefenbaker said parliament must constantly change to meet changing needs—"at the same time, remaining unchanged in its basic concepts and traditions."

He said a great danger of too many changes in the rules is that the cabinet becomes even more powerful than it is already. This had been the trend of the last 35 years.

The private Member of Parliament had become less and less important and the prime minister and the cabinet had become all-powerful.

He said the committee in considering restrictions on debate should remember that "divine there are issues that divide us."

There must be nothing to restrict the freedom of debate."

He spoke after Prime Minister Pearson completed a speech he began last Friday, referring to three proposals that were made last November by Mr. Diefenbaker to speed up Commons work.

These proposals were:

1. Allocation of a set period for debate on a particular bill, by agreement of all parties.
2. Limiting the daily oral

question period to 30 minutes except on special occasions.

3. Prolonging sittings beyond the normal 10 p.m. adjournment time when necessary to complete consideration of a particular bill.

Mr. Pearson said the Liberals agreed to these proposals last year but the rule changes had not been made because other groups had objected.

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The government still supported the three proposals and hoped there would be quick agreement on them in the committee. This would permit an immediate improvement in efficiency while the committee continued to study other proposals.

The prime minister suggested another change: Elimination of debate at the resolution stage, which allowed a wide-ranging and repetitive debate even before a bill was introduced.

Mr. Diefenbaker disagreed. He said the resolution stage should be retained.

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Customers More Choosy, Manufacturers Reminded

MONTREAL (CP)—The customer is much more sophisticated and choosy today when it comes to buying manufactured products, says Allan Deacon, a Canadian who is treasurer of the American Society for Quality Control.

"Unless some Canadian manufacturers realize this they are going to lose customers both here and abroad," he said.

Mr. Deacon was one of several leading quality control experts at a forum organized at the University of Montreal by the Montreal section of ASQC. A management consultant in Brantford, Ont., Mr. Deacon, 40, has been advising companies on quality control methods since 1954. "A time when you needed a lot of persuasion to get companies to adopt quality control techniques."

"Now that many companies are using them, they find quality control an investment, not an expense," he said.

Quality control experts like Claude Taylor of TCA and John Fitzsimons of Canadian Marconi would like to see more small companies using quality control methods.

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"Quality control," Mr. Taylor said, "is the science of applying statistical methods to improve products in order to improve products."

"Through these methods, the amount of inspection can be reduced and made more efficient. Therefore, they could save small companies a lot of money."

Also, because small companies usually manufacture uncomplicated items, they did not need the elaborate and expensive quality control processes of the companies.

Mooncraft Is Delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The space agency has postponed the launching of the Ranger VII mooncraft until next year.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said defects had been found in a number of small transistor diodes.

The launching planned from Cape Canaveral, Fla., for the latter part of this year has been rescheduled to the first quarter of 1964.

The 700-pound spacecraft is designed to crash into the moon.

Six cameras aboard are to start taking pictures about 10 minutes before the impact, and send the data back to earth.

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