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Friday, October 7, 2022

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 118.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I will now rule on the point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader on October 4 with respect to Motion 118.

The Opposition House Leader argued that Motion 118, which is a time allocation motion, was out of order primarily because it allowed for consideration of more than one stage in one day, and was undemocratic.

The wording of Motion 118 is almost identical to the wording of previous time allocation motions ruled to be in order by previous Speakers. All have allowed for consideration of more than one stage in one day.

As I stated in December of 2021, this very matter has been ruled on twice by previous Speakers, this will be the fourth ruling in nine years, and the previous rulings have all found that the use of time allocation motions, in this manner, is acceptable and not contrary to the practices, conventions and Standing Rules of this House.

Accordingly, I find motion 118 to be in order and will allow it to proceed.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 118, Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Carr:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 10 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bill 120 which shall include the hours spent considering said Bill from October 5, 2022, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 10 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the

Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bill; the order for consideration of the said Bill in committee and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bill; and where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 10 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of the said Bill, if requested by the Government House Leader.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 118 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

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Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Dunn	Mr. Turner
Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Allain	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Carr
Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Mr. Austin	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Holland	Ms. Bockus	Mr. R. Savoie

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Coon	Mr. Mallet
Mr. McKee	Ms. Mitton	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Legacy	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Arseneau
Ms. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Landry
Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. LePage	Ms. Landry

And then, 10.45 a.m., the House adjourned.