

Arising from the consideration and discussion of the Procedure of the House and the Standing Orders, the Committee has the honour further to recommend---

6. That the authority of Parliament to inflict fines and otherwise safeguard its privileges be supplemented by statutory enactment on the lines followed by certain other Parliaments of the Empire.

7. That the Civil List Act, 1920, be amended by the insertion of the words "or justifiable" after the word "unavoidable" in line 3 of section 18 (c).

8. That the authority of the Speaker of the House be extended by the necessary statutory enactment so as to include the period from the time of the dissolution of any Parliament until the first meeting of the next Parliament.

9. That the various statutory provisions requiring certain returns, statements, and regulations to be laid before the House (as shown in parliamentary paper H.-13 of 1928) should be reviewed, and amended or repealed where found necessary or desirable, especially in view of considerable non-observance of the provisions as to the time from the commencement of the session within which the same should be produced.

10. That whereas several Acts of Parliament provide that certain departmental proceedings thereunder shall be confirmed by Parliament, but shall nevertheless take effect if Parliament takes no action in respect thereof: and whereas no procedure is provided whereby Parliament is to be made directly cognizant of such proceedings: a uniform procedure should be provided by which any such proceedings shall be submitted definitely to Parliament for confirmation or otherwise in pursuance of the intention of the several Acts.

11. That steps be forthwith taken, in conjunction with the Legislative Council, to simplify the procedure in relation to Private Bills.

CHAS. E. STATHAM, Chairman.

11th July, 1929.

(For Draft Standing Orders *vide* Records.)

I HAVE the honour to report that the Standing Orders Committee, appointed by this House on the 14th December, 1928, with power to sit during the recess, at its final meeting on the 5th July, 1929, unanimously passed the following resolution:—

"That this Committee desires to express its thanks to the Chairman, the Hon. Sir Charles Statham, for the onerous and invaluable work undertaken by him during the revision of the Standing Orders, and to record its deep appreciation of the manner in which he has conducted the business of the Committee throughout its sittings. The Committee directs that this resolution be recorded on the minutes and be reported to the House."

H. E. HOLLAND,
For the Committee.

11th July, 1929.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Standing Orders Committee expresses its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Committee by the Clerk, Mr. W. J. Organ, and directs that this resolution be recorded on the minutes and reported to the House.

CHAS. E. STATHAM, Chairman.

11th July, 1929.

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