



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
OTTAWA, CANADA

39th Parliament, 1st Session

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs has the honour to present its

SEVENTEENTH REPORT

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)iii), the Committee has considered the Standing Orders, including the provisional Standing Orders.

This Committee recommends that the Standing Orders in effect on October 5, 2006, including the provisional Standing Orders, be made permanent.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings ([Meeting Nos. 21, 22 and 23](#)) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY GOODYEAR, M.P.
Chair

**Dissenting Opinion to the Seventeenth Report of the Standing Committee on
Procedure and House Affairs concerning the Standing Orders of the House of
Commons**

"The collegial spirit that normally governs House business was thrust aside when, on October 5th, the present motion was moved without prior notice or consultation, overruling a previous motion that had been agreed to informally by House Leaders, and that therefore had been adopted by the House unanimously and without debate (as is possible only when prior consent has been achieved). The present motion sets a precedent, rendering future informal agreements largely futile, since there is no reason to believe that they will be honoured. It is for this reason, rather than out of any opposition to the entrenchment of the provisional Standing Orders, that Conservative members of the committee have voted against this motion."

Scott Reid, M.P.

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