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TO

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES (HANSARD)

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The motion for the adjournment of the House covered by Standing Order 13 relates to the discussion of a particular motion and a member may move that the House do now adjourn to consider some urgent matter. If he is successful in obtaining the support of the majority of the House, the particular matter may be debated. Adjourn means **not**

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that the House will stop its business but that it ceases to deal with ordinary business and deals with the particular matter raised. However, on the normal motion to adjourn the House at the end of the sitting, the only matter that can be debated is whether the House do now adjourn, 595.

The Deputy Leader of the Government cannot address the House while there is a motion before it for the adjournment of the House, but if the Minister avails himself of Standing Order 75, which permits another motion to be moved while a motion is before the House, and moves that the Deputy Leader of the Government be now heard, that motion shall be decided without debate, 595; if that motion is agreed to, there can be no debate on what the Deputy Leader of the Government said, 596.

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There is no basis for a member to make a personal explanation during the adjournment debate, 1158.

Although the Deputy Leader of the Government spoke in the debate, the matter raised by her was out of order, for it did not comply with the rules of the House. By indulgence of the House and by agreement by motion that she be further heard, she was allowed to continue. She had not asked the Minister to do anything, and her remarks did not call for a reply. Normally, the purpose of raising a matter on the adjournment was to ask a Minister to deal with a matter by administrative action, 599, 1160, 1161.

The Minister cannot debate matter raised on the adjournment, 1158; there is no provision for a reply by him, 1159; a personal explanation given against the rules during the adjournment debate does not call for a reply, 1159; the Minister may reply only to matters raised during the debate, 1162.

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