12.54 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TWENTY-SEVENTH REPORT

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the twenty-seventh Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 7th December, 1978"

Besides moving the report of the Business Advisory Committee for adoption, I would also like to move that the House forgo the lunch interval and sit for transacting the business..... (Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER: I will first take up the report of the Business Advisory Committee. The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Twenty-seventh Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House in the 7th December, 1978"

The motion was adopted

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki): The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs has made a suggestion that the lunch interval may be given up today. In these matters, one of the two procedures has to be followed: either the matter is mentioned in the Business Advisory Committee and a decision taken — this is one of the procedures and generally we never stand in the way -- or the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs contacts the different leaders, talks to them whether are agreeable to that. Neither of these courses been adopted. And as neither of the courses been adopted, I am resisting the motion that the lunch interval may be given up today. If the normal procedure was adopted, probably we would agree. Now that it has been brought in without any advance notice as if nobody exisits here, we resist and we are not agreeable to it.

MR SPEAKER: I think, in a matter like this, broad consensus is necessary. If the Opposition does not want it, I do not think, we should have it.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour): Sir, it is not clear whether you are going to expunge Mr. Stephen's utterances.

MR. SPEAKER: I have said that I am going into the matter to see if any rule is breached.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: How will the press know whether anything has been expunged or not, because the whole thing was illegal.

MR. SPEAKER: I will look into the matter

12.58 hrs.

MOTIONS RE. THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES— Contd.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now take up further consideration of the following motion moved by Shri Morarji R. Desai on the 7th December, 1978 namely:—

"That this House do consider the Third Report of the Committee of Privileges presented to the House on the 21st November, 1978."

I do not think we will be able to give more than ten minutes to any Member speaking on this motion. The time-limit for the Members would be ten minutes.

Shri C. Subramaniam.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (Palani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, just now we witnessed the atmosphere in which we are discussing this motion. The atmosphere is surcharged with tension, and if I may be permitted to use the words of the Prime Minister, the atmosphere is surcharged with violence. It is in this atmosphere that we should consider the desirability of proceeding with this motion.