Temporary order

Temporary order for the consideration of ministerial statements presented other than in accordance with standing order 61

That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order for the remainder of the Parliament:

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At the end of standing order 169, add:

(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.

NOTE: paragraph (2) would have the effect of placing a 30 minute time limit on the debate on one statement and a 60 minute time limit on debate on two or more statements presented consecutively.

(Agreed to 11 November 2015)