

Order Paper Questions

copies, in both official languages, of order in council No. 1976-507 ordering the issuance of a writ for a by-election in the electoral district of St. John's West, Newfoundland, on my birthday.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. May I ask the President of the Privy Council if there is to be any change in the announcement he made the other day. May I also thank the Prime Minister for the opportunity to present him with a birthday present later this year.

Mr. Paproski: On his sixtieth birthday.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, when I last announced government business I said that Bill C-68 would continue to be the business before the House, to be followed by several relatively non-controversial bills. Because of the prolonged debate on Bill C-68 the order of business is to be changed. The next item of business is to be the Senate amendment to Bill S-10, followed by Bill S-8, Bill C-86 and Bill C-61.

On Monday we intend to call the first of the bills dealing with amendments to the criminal law. I should like the opportunity, as I told the House leaders, to discuss how we shall deal with that bill and the bill following to do with capital punishment. It is the desire of the House to have full and adequate discussion of these measures; at the same time, I am sure the House does not want discussion on these bills to occupy the time of the House to the detriment of other urgent legislation. I hope we can reach some accommodation on that matter and on the question the Conservative House leader raised for discussion of the petitions regarding redistribution.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, a week ago today the Minister of Veterans Affairs made his welcome announcement concerning legislation respecting Canadian veterans who were prisoners of war. It was indicated that the legislation would be before the House in a few days. When will that bill be on the order paper, and can it be taken for granted that, since it will be dealt with quickly, we can interrupt the discussion on other bills to deal with that legislation?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. The matter is urgent. We are preparing the bill and it will be on the order paper in due course. But other matters also have priority. I hope we shall have his co-operation on them in the same way that he will have our co-operation on the matter in which he is interested.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,312, 3,650, 3,697, 3,781, 3,914 and 4,022.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

LEASING OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN PENTICTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 3,312—**Mr. Whittaker:**

1. What is the name of the company that leased the government building on Main Street, Penticton, British Columbia?
2. Who are the principle officers of the company?
3. What (a) is the length of time (b) are the terms of the lease?
4. What are the terms of the lease-back (time, rent, etc.) for the portion of the building now occupied by the Penticton Manpower Office?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): 1. This government of Canada building was leased jointly by Leemar Enterprises Ltd., Betca Securities Ltd. and Lancing Enterprises Ltd.

2. The principal officers are as follows: R. L. Richards and C. E. Erickson and wives for Leemar Enterprises Ltd., C. W. Schwarz and wife for Betca Securities Ltd. and J. M. O'Hara and wife for Lancing Enterprises Ltd.

3. Leased (a) for a period of 35 years from October 1, 1974, at (b) \$6,600 per year or 17 per cent of gross receipts whichever is greater. Lease includes an option to renew the agreement for a period of 15 years at a rate to be negotiated. Tenant responsible for all taxes, repairs and services etc., with no escalation clauses.

4. A total of 6,213 square feet were re-leased for a period of five years from May 1, 1975 at an annual rent of \$41,186.28. The lease agreement includes an option to renew for a period of five years at a rate to be negotiated. Landlord provides all services, including janitor, heat, electricity, taxes etc., under lease-back to Crown.

SURVEILLANCE OF COASTAL WATERS

Question No. 3,650—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What are the specific responsibilities in connection with the surveillance of coastal waters of the Department of (a) the Environment (b) External Affairs (c) the Environment (Fisheries) (d) National Defence (e) the Solicitor General (f) Transport?
2. Are any such responsibilities overlapping and by what means are the activities coordinated?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): 1. (a) The specific responsibilities of the Department of the Environment in connection with the surveillance of coastal waters include enforcement of all acts and regulations governing fishing activity, both Canadian and foreign, under the Fisheries Act, the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act, Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act, North Pacific Fisheries Convention Act, Pacific Fur Seals Convention Act, North Pacific Halibut Fisheries Convention Act, Pacific Salmon Fisheries Convention Act and the Whaling Convention Act; the conduct of fisheries and oceanographic research; conduct of hydrographic charting; observation