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### BANKRUPTCY

STUDY GROUP REPORT—REFERRAL TO HOUSE COMMITTEE  
—QUEBEC OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

I should like to know when the minister will entrust to an appropriate committee of the House consideration of the report on bankruptcy that is now in his hands. Also, I should like to know what answer has been given by the minister to the Quebec Minister of Justice, who has expressed serious reservations regarding this report?

[English]

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** In answer to the first part of the question, it is my intention to introduce a bill which in the normal course of events would, of course, be referred to a committee of the House. In answer to the second part of the question, I have had no communication from the Minister of Justice of the province of Quebec other than his wanting sufficient time for the province to formulate its position on the report and make that position known to me and to the public. I have willingly acceded to that request.

[Translation]

**Mr. Asselin:** Mr. Speaker, I want to put a supplementary question.

Does the minister intend to give sufficient time to all parties wishing to make representations about the report on bankruptcy to appear before the Standing Committee of the House in order to discuss it and to express their views on the subject?

[English]

**Mr. Basford:** No it was not, Mr. Speaker. Of course anyone—and I have made this very clear—who wants to comment on the report is free to do so. I have been having some meetings with groups that are interested and my officials have been meeting with others. Over the next few weeks we have a number of meetings planned with groups that have asked to see us on the question of bankruptcy.

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### LABOUR

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN ACTS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** My question is directed to the Minister of Labour. Following his announcement regarding amendments to the Canada Labour (Standards) Code and in view of the fact that other Acts, particularly the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act and the Canada Fair Employment Practices Act are so interrelated, is the minister in a

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position to announce now when he intends to bring in amendments to the Acts just mentioned?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** As the hon. member indicated, I hope to bring forward substantial changes to the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act in this session of Parliament. We also have completed within the department a review of the Canada Fair Employment Practices Act, and we are now formulating policy and recommendations for the cabinet.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

TIME LIMIT ON SPEECHES ON BUSINESS OF SUPPLY  
MOTION

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the debate that is about to take place on the motion of the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin). May I suggest a slight change for today in Standing Order 58 (13) which provides that the mover of the motion and the person replying for the government shall have 30 minutes and everyone else 20 minutes. I think you will find that there is general agreement to permit 30 minutes to each of the four party spokesmen who lead off and a maximum of 20 minutes to the rest of today's speakers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there agreement to the suggestion made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre that the first four speakers, including the hon. member who is moving the motion, be allowed 30 minutes and that all other contributors to the debate be allowed 20 minutes?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

● (3:00 p.m.)

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—STATUS OF WOMEN—IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood)** moved:

That in the opinion of this House, the government should immediately designate a minister of the Crown to co-ordinate the implementation of the proposals contained in the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women which come under federal jurisdiction, and that it should give special and urgent consideration to the implementation of those recommendations designed to establish a basic equality of rights between men and women, including the recommendation for the inclusion of housewives in the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans, the provision of maternity benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Act, the adoption of a national day care act, the initiation of a family planning program and certain amendments to the Criminal Code, and equal treatment in the federal public service; moreover that the government should convene a federal-pro-