

Brunswick but that there is no agreement as to the specific location, particularly to Morna in the area of Saint John. I would be happy to be corrected if the minister would care to present me with documentation that would show that such an agreement has been reached, but I do not think the minister wants to leave the impression, which I think would be denied, that an agreement as to the specific location has been reached between himself and his counterpart in the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that agreement in principle for the construction of the medium security institution in Saint John was obtained from the government of New Brunswick. Let me also say that the site that has been indicated was not picked by us but was indicated to us as a possible site by the authorities in the city of Saint John. We said that we wanted a site near the city or within the city, and that site was indicated as a possible site, but we are awaiting further reports from the open meeting of the city council to see what will be done.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the government House leader what business we will have for tomorrow and the next few days, assuming that we are going to proceed with the government's bill with regard to price restraints. If, in the orderly progress of that bill, time is available for other matters, what matters will we be dealing with? Will the government House leader please go as far as he can so that this party may, as usual, attempt to facilitate such good legislation as the government may, as it infrequently does, bring forward?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, it is the intention to proceed tomorrow with the anti-inflation bill, which will be read for the first time in a few minutes. I welcome the intervention of the House leader of the official opposition, but if possible I should like to lay before the House an orderly program for the consideration of this bill and others which are on the order paper. We are as anxious as he is to give hon. members due notice, with some idea of the time during which this bill and others could be disposed of. I think it is in the interests of everyone in the House that there should be an orderly and sufficient discussion of each of these measures but that it not go on indefinitely.

Mr. Baldwin: I listened with great interest to the hon. gentleman, and having said that, will he now indicate what other business we may be considering after we finish the one bill to which he referred?

Mr. Sharp: The bill on unemployment insurance and Bill C-65 dealing with the amendments to the Income Tax

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Act, which were not disposed of, have the highest priority. There are one or two other measures which there may be a disposition to put into committee, such as the bill on superannuation, which I would like to discuss with the various leaders; but I hesitate to commit them until I have had an opportunity of discussing the program in detail.

Mr. Alexander: I should like to have some clarification with respect to the bill regarding unemployment insurance and Bill C-65. Can the minister indicate, now, which one has the highest priority so that we can determine at what time we should be dealing with these matters?

Mr. Sharp: I have a little difficulty in this respect. Bill C-65 may turn out to be not very controversial and there may be a disposition to deal with it quickly. If so, I might be inclined to put it ahead. However, if that is not the case, certainly the unemployment insurance bill has the highest priority.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I remind the government House leader of the fact that just before we broke up at the end of July the minister indicated that there would be laid before the House a bill as promised in the budget speech of June 23, amending the Government Annuities Act to provide for the escalation of benefits under that act. Can he say whether that bill is now ready, and will it soon be presented to the House?

Mr. Sharp: I expect that it will be before cabinet within the next few days and then will be laid before the House.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VISIT OF UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I am a little doubtful about the jurisprudence, but I am perfectly certain that this point of order should be raised and I hope the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) can disabuse me quickly. Allegations have been made in Washington that both the speeches and the private conversations and comments at a dinner held by the minister in honour of the visit of Dr. Kissinger were broadcast to the press room of the Lester B. Pearson Building and have become the subject matter of news stories in the United States. I submit that this will do serious damage to an otherwise useful visit of the United States Secretary of State.

If these allegations are true, they surely affect the privileges of members of the cabinet and of parliament and constitute a serious invasion of privacy. I hope the minister can give the House an explanation and also assure us that if the allegations are correct, arrangements will be made so that such an occurrence cannot again take place.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the hon. member for raising this matter. It is true that there was a story in the *Washington Post* this morning. In fact, I happened to be in Washington and I was given the *Post* as