

leave on the morning of the eleventh and reach our homes in time for the ceremonies on the eleventh. Many of us cannot do so if we leave after seven o'clock the night before. It would be a sign of the same respect we have for the budget of this country and for this government if this side stayed away entirely from the budget speech, which we will read in the paper anyway.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I remind the hon. member that all of the excellent legislation that was passed during the last months and years for the benefit of veterans and their widows was strongly recommended and supported by the Prime Minister of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Pinard: In so far as the hon. member's concerns about flight schedules are concerned, in taking into consideration the request made to me today, I will be sure to look at all schedules to British Columbia. I remind him that most of my colleagues from the province of Quebec must drive to their constituencies much of the time. It takes them longer to get to their constituencies than it does for the hon. member to get to British Columbia.

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, I never cease to be amazed at what can cause political conflict. I hope that the House leader for the government will, as he said earlier, consider the matter and let us know what he decides. I hope he decides to do something about accommodating the needs of members. I do not want to conduct House business on the floor of the House, but with regard to Bill C-53 we would be quite happy to have one speaker on a Friday.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Laniel: Madam Speaker, I would just like to say a few words as the member for Beauharnois-Salaberry and as a veteran. First of all, I want to point out that the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine does not have to tell me anything about veterans, because I am just as motivated as he is. The comments he made just now were an insult to me and to all French Canadians, to all Quebecers and to all members on this side of the House. And the same goes for the hon. member for Edmonton—I think this remark should be withdrawn as far as I am concerned—

[*English*]

I care for veterans just as much as he does.

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker, if we ignore the initial aggressiveness of the comments made by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich, toward the end I think he realized that we have open minds on this side of the House. I myself had a few words with my hon. minister just now and I tried to explain to him that although in Quebec the ceremony is on Sunday, elsewhere in Canada the custom is to celebrate this occasion on the same day, November 11. I have on occasion been obliged to stay here in Ottawa because November 11 was

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on a Thursday and there was no Standing Order authorizing members to take the next day off if the holiday happened to be on Tuesday or Thursday.

In any case, Madam Speaker, I hope the unpleasant aggressiveness displayed by the Progressive Conservative Party, but not by the New Democratic Party, will be allowed to disappear. We shall wait for the dialogue announced by the President of the Privy Council and I trust a solution will be found.

[*English*]

Mr. Taylor: Madam Speaker, with regard to Bill C-53, I respect the comment by the hon. member for Burnaby, but he has already spoken. Many of us have received representations from our constituents. It is not fair ball suddenly to close off the debate, particularly when it is suggested by somebody who has already spoken. I agree we have to move ahead quickly, but let us not deny members the right to voice the views of those who sent us here.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

AVIATION SAFETY

TABLING OF REPORT OF DUBIN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for raising your voice so that I could hear you. I wish to table, in both official languages, the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Aviation Safety, also known as the Dubin report. I should mention here that the third report will likely be submitted by the end of the year, at least I hope so.

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[*English*]

PETITIONS

MR. PAPROSKI—VIA RAIL—CUTBACKS IN PASSENGER SERVICE

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Madam Speaker, I beg leave of the House to lay upon the table a VIA Rail petition of 4,100 names gathered in Edmonton, organized by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers who are dissatisfied with the decision of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) by order in council to cut back VIA lines.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)