

Business of the House

On clause 4—*Agreements for alternative land use projects authorized.*

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Chairman, about section 4, I should like to ask the minister whether, with regard to research the minister will be authorized under that section to undertake a program himself in any province. It is said:

The minister may cause to be prepared and undertaken directly—

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Chairman, this applies exclusively to programs of research and investigation and not to development programs.

Mr. Gauthier: Yes, but it is precisely with regard to research. Will the minister have the power to authorize research directly in a given province without even asking the consent of the province?

Mr. Sauvé: It was already in the former act, nothing was added or changed, but it is hardly ever applied. Agreements were entered into with each province whereby, in principle, the federal government could cause to be undertaken research programs if it wanted to. But usually it always obtains the consent of the provinces.

Mr. Gauthier: It was done by force of habit, I think, under the former act where it was not specified as clearly as it is now.

Mr. Sauvé: If you look at the explanatory notes, on pages two and three, on the right-hand side, you will see that the former version read as follows:

(2) The Minister may cause to be prepared and undertaken, directly or in co-operation with the government of any province or any agency thereof, programs of research and investigation—

The text has not been changed.

[*English*]

Clauses 4 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Bill reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**NOTICE CONCERNING DEBATE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—EASTER RECESS**

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, last night in announcing the business of the house for the rest of this week and next I indicated that on Friday we would begin the budget debate, to be continued on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Since that time we have had satisfactory discussions with the house leaders of other parties, with the result that there

[Mr. Sauvé.]

will be placed on the order paper tomorrow a notice of motion providing government time on Monday and Tuesday of next week for the debate on capital punishment, with suitable provision for a vote on amendments on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and a final vote on all remaining questions on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday instead of reverting to the budget debate we will consider other items of business on the order paper.

We will also place a motion on the order paper providing for the house to rise on Wednesday night, April 6, and reconvene on Tuesday, April 19.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I should like to acknowledge the co-operation of all party house leaders throughout today in working out something which I hope will be completely satisfactory to all members. If hon. members are interested, I will indicate the form of the notice at this time.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Perhaps the hon. gentleman would put it on the record.

Mr. McIlraith: The notice is:

That on Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5, 1966, the order for resuming debate on private members motion No. 66 and on any amendment thereto shall take precedence of all orders of the day, both government orders and private members business, and

That consideration of the said resolution shall be deemed at all times to be the business of private members and that section (2) of standing order 31 shall apply thereto, and

That on Monday, April 4, if an amendment be under consideration at 8 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the amendment then before the house, and

That on Tuesday, April 5, if any further amendment be under consideration at 5.45 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the amendment then before the house, and

That on Tuesday, April 5, at 9.30 o'clock p.m., unless the said debate be concluded previously, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the main motion.

If there is unanimous consent I will be glad to have the notice made an order of the house at this time. If there is not, it will appear as a notice of motion in the ordinary way.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, may I say that the proposition which has been outlined by the government house leader is satisfactory to us. We are ready to proceed on the basis of the schedule outlined. May I say at this time that