

Privilege—Mr. Nystrom

have to wonder if perhaps the Minister responsible for Hamilton does not have the political clout that the Minister from Manitoba has, or that the Members from Montreal or Moncton have.

REPAIR WORK

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, since there are several hundreds if not thousands of cars sitting on the tracks, which need refurbishing right now, did the Minister not consider letting the CN yards handle that kind of work and not get into competition with the private sector such as National Steel Car which has the capacity to produce the new coal cars? I am now referring specifically to the coal car contract. Could that not have been considered, and could it still not be under consideration by the Minister?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, it was indeed studied as a possibility but we thought the way I indicated was a better way. As a matter of fact my hon. friend is probably not totally informed about the Transcona facility. Transcona has been in the business of building all kinds of cars in the past. It has all the facilities and it has 400 employees to keep at work. That is why a Solomon's judgment was made on the way we divided the coal cars and hopper car orders, and the way the hopper car order was divided between the three traditional suppliers.

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PETITION

MR. TAYLOR—REQUEST FOR PASSAGE OF BILL C-671

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) on Wednesday, May 18, 1983, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. NYSTROM—STATEMENT OF MR. HNATYSHYN

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madame Speaker, I raise a question of privilege arising out of a statement made in the House today by the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn). If Your Honour check the blues, I am sure you will agree with me that he either intentionally misled the House or he was suffering from momentary amnesia, because he said that our Party was against the St. Louis Blues, as confirmed by my statement in the House—

Madam Speaker: Order. I do not know by what stretch of the imagination the Hon. Member could construe this as being a question of privilege.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Lewis: Madam Speaker, this being Thursday, I wonder if I might ask the Government House Leader what his intentions are for business for the rest of this week and for as much of next as possible.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, tomorrow is an allotted day. The House will not sit on Monday. Next Tuesday, Bill C-155 on grain transportation. Wednesday is set aside for private Members' business. On Thursday, depending on the way the debate goes, I hope we will complete the second reading debate on Bill C-155. If we do, we will resume the second reading debate on Bill C-151 to provide the Government with supplementary borrowing authority. To sum up, the House will not sit on Monday, Bill C-155 on Tuesday, private Members' business on Wednesday, and Bill C-155 or Bill C-151 on Thursday, priority being given to Bill C-155.

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[English]

POINT OF ORDER

MR. HNATYSHYN—APPLICATION OF EIGHT-HOUR TIME LIMIT ON DEBATE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, I would like to raise a legitimate point of order, unlike that of the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom).

Mr. Smith: It will be the first.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: This point of order relates to instances which arose last Monday during the course of debate in which I was invited by the Assistant Deputy Speaker—

Madam Speaker: A point of order which arose last Monday should have been raised last Monday.

Some Hon. Members: Sit down.

Madam Speaker: If the Hon. Member does not have any other point of order, I cannot hear him.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Madam Speaker, the point was that the Acting Speaker, the Hon. Member for Lachine (Mr. Blaker), asked me to come back after checking *Hansard*. This is the first opportunity I have had to come forward with respect to rulings of the Chair which were diametrically opposed. I think I am entitled to raise this matter, as it is important.

Mr. Nielsen: Go ahead.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Madam Speaker, on Monday morning when the—