

missioner Act Amendment; Canada Shipping Act Amendments; Immigration Appeal Board Act Amendments; Security Review Board Bill; Combines Investigation Act Revision; Criminal Code Amendments; Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act Revision; Public Servants Retirement Bill; Agricultural Adjustment Bill; Pilotage Bill; Canada-Finland Income Tax Agreement Bill; Canada-Jamaica Income Tax Agreement Bill; Cigarette Advertising Bill; Financial Administration Act Amendments; Air Canada Act Amendments; Yukon Minerals Bill; Canada Development Corporation Bill.

To this list would have to be added any bills resulting from the budget.

In view of the fact that the Standing Committees will be embarking upon detailed examination of the Main Estimates in the week commencing the 16th of February, it would be desirable if the committee discussion of bills now before the committees could be substantially concluded by that week, and that committee discussion be well advanced on those now awaiting second reading. Such a timetable would then leave the committees free to concentrate on estimates and on the additional bills that will be introduced in the latter part of the session.

The estimate of time available for government business is, of course, subject to any interruption by unforeseen circumstances, by adjournment motions under S.O. 26, and by other decisions of the House. In turn, the legislative program will also be subject to changes imposed by circumstances not at the moment foreseen.

In summary, then, from January 28th until the summer adjournment, there are now, or there will be, 74 items of government business before the House while there will only be 73 days remaining for government business in that period. Clearly, the House will want to devote more time to some of these bills at the expense of others and it is apparent that careful planning of the time of the House will be necessary, so that all parts of the program may be dealt with.

The reference to 73 days is, of course, a reference to the time in the chamber itself and does not include the additional time available for consideration of bills at the committee stage. The committee stage offers an opportunity for more extensive detailed discussion of bills over a number of days, and in some cases, weeks.

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