

on this side are willing as the government to agree to have one speaker per party and to dispose of all stages of the following four bills, and this will answer requests which were made before. The first is Bill C-53, the sexual offences bill. If we can agree to one speaker per party and go through all stages within the same day, the government would be agreeable to providing one day next week, either Tuesday or Thursday. The same applies to Bill C-37 making July 1 Canada Day. Then Bill C-67, to amend the Adult Educational Training Act, and Bill C-65 dealing with the Public Service Superannuation Act, could be dealt with expeditiously if that is the desire of the opposition parties.

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If we fail to agree on those bills, we will go on with bills on which debate has already started in this House, namely—and in this order—Bill C-58, Bill C-12 and Bill S-6. That is the business for this week and next week.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, that will be quite a week. In any event, I am prepared to confirm now that the deferred vote on Bill C-57 on Monday at 9.45, as suggested, is agreeable. I naturally have to consult with respect to all the other matters my friend mentioned.

Is the minister putting forward the list he has put forward as the list of business the government expects to complete before the adjournment? Is there other business he intends to add to that, and has the government House leader set a tentative date for the adjournment of the House? It might be helpful to us to know in terms of planning.

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, the list I spoke about is only an appetizer. I hope we can agree on it. If we cannot agree on the appetizer—I understand there may not be agreement—and if we do not succeed in dealing with all the legislation I talked about, the main course will come later on. This is not the list I talked about last week.

As far as the date of adjournment is concerned, we are hoping it will be as soon as possible. If it is the end of this month, that is fine with me, depending on the progress we make; but if that is impossible, obviously we will have to go into July.

**Mr. Knowles:** Madam Speaker, first may I join with the opposition House leader in saying that that is a fair plateful for next week, especially when it is only a four-day week. I believe the House will not be sitting on Wednesday, June 24.

With regard to the program the minister has outlined, may I say first of all that we agree to the vote at third reading of Bill C-57 being scheduled for 9.45 Monday evening.

With regard to Bill C-53, I can repeat the undertaking I have already given, that we would be prepared for the second reading debate on that bill to be limited to one speaker per party. I shall have to consult before I can give an answer on the others.

There is something else I should like to say. If Your Honour will pardon my immodesty, I note that the House has

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already—and so has Your Honour—said kind things about this being my seventy-third birthday. When one reaches that age there are not many of the usual things which are given as presents which one needs or wants.

**Miss Jewett:** Here we go!

**Mr. Knowles:** However, there is a birthday present I want. I ask for it, and I hope the minister will give it.

**Mr. Broadbent:** A pay increase.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** A seat in the Senate.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Knowles:** Madam Speaker, all of the guesses I have heard are wrong, and the minister knows it. I am speaking on behalf of 15,000 or 20,000 widows of disabled veterans who are still waiting for the oversight in last summer's Bill C-40 to be corrected.

This does not come to the government House Leader as a surprise, nor does it come to the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs as anything new. In my bones I feel that legislation must be ready, and I hope the minister is in a position to announce today that it is ready and that it will be presented to the House. If it is ready, I would even suggest that we might sit an extra hour tomorrow. Perhaps the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney) would be willing for her private member's bill to be put off to some other time; we could start a bill to amend Bill C-40 at four o'clock and finish it tomorrow afternoon before we adjourn. On behalf of the 15,000 or 20,000 widows for whom I speak I ask for that birthday present today.

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, I am surprised that the hon. member wishes for the gift. He should have talked about it earlier.

**Mr. Nystrom:** He has talked about it for years.

**Mr. Pinard:** In any case, I can assure the hon. member that failing giving him that kind of gift today—because he failed to ask for it, as I just mentioned—the cabinet is looking at the situation very seriously. I can assure the hon. member that we should be in a position to give a much more precise answer within the next days and weeks before we adjourn.

**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the President of the Privy Council whether he is in a position to indicate what the plans of the government are with respect to correcting the legislation, estimates or whatever following the decision reached by the Chair. It would be useful information to have, in view of the fact that Supplementary Estimates (B) came down yesterday and in view of the fact that action might be initiated by me, depending on what plans the government might have. Perhaps the government House leader could indicate what the intentions are.