

concluded at or before 5 p.m. today, and a division will take place at that time.

Tomorrow, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., we will resume debate on Bill C-126, the Bretton Woods Act. It is the understanding between the Parties that there will be a division before 11 a.m.

Subsequent to Routine Proceedings tomorrow, we will continue debate on second reading of Bill C-129, the Air Canada Privatization Act, until 2 p.m. There is also an understanding among the Parties that there will be no motion under Standing Order 9(4)(a).

It is our intention on Monday to commence what might be called the procedural debate on Bill C-130, the free trade legislation. It is our intention to call the legislation. I do not think there is any secret that my colleagues opposite may wish to put some questions to the Chair. Naturally, we are in a position to respond. There will be no effort to proceed with the motion being put and the debate ensuing on Bill C-130 in order to give Your Honour an opportunity to reflect upon the procedural matters.

We will then follow that with continuation of debate on Bill C-129, unless it should finish tomorrow.

There is a tentative agreement that I am reasonably sure will go ahead, that on Tuesday we will recommence debate on the Meech Lake Accord. On Wednesday we will resume debate on Bill C-129, the Air Canada Privatization Bill, unless it should pass second reading either tomorrow or Monday.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, since the Minister has told the House that the Government does not intend to use Standing Order 9(4)(a) tomorrow on Bill C-129, will the Minister give us an undertaking that he will utilize no rules in the book that could extend hours, including Standing Order 69?

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, when I discussed this matter with Members opposite and officials of their Parties, I gave my word that there would be no effort to extend hours. I am not completely *au courant* with Standing Order 69. I can make myself *au courant*.

I assure my colleague that there is no intention to extend hours tomorrow.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have three brief points. I am in full concurrence with what the Government House Leader has just said—not the Government House Leader but the guy who controls the shop over there.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member might at least say the honourable guy.

Mr. Nystrom: I just want to concur with the list that has been given to us by our friend across the way. He gave us his word that there would be no move to extend the hours tomorrow on the Air Canada debate.

Excise Tax Act

There is something that I want to clarify for the record publicly. It is my understanding that if we debate the Meech Lake Accord Tuesday, in all likelihood it will be a Leaders' day if the three Leaders are available.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, we have made every effort to cooperate with the Opposition Parties in order that we could arrange what might be called a Leaders' day. Until we have an opportunity to confirm this with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) when he gets back from Europe, I do not want to say it is a firm deal as of yet.

• (1510)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that Bill C-117, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act, be read the third time and passed, and the motion of Mr. Clinch (p. 15788).

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to conclude my remarks on Bill C-117. As you will recall, Madam Speaker, prior to the luncheon adjournment I was indicating how dishonest the Government has been with respect to its position on tax increases.

For example, on March 6, 1984 the Minister of Finance, a member of the Conservative Opposition at the time, said: "We will reduce spending. We will refrain from increasing taxes which are already too high". The Prime Minister himself said on November 29, 1984: "Canadians pay a good deal of money for government services. They are already paying quite enough". However, the moment this Government was elected to office it systematically, in each subsequent Budget since the election of 1984, increased taxes. The record shows that from 1984 to fiscal year 1988-89, taxes have increased by \$32.4 billion. This was done by a Government which said: "We will refrain from increasing taxes. Canadians are already paying quite enough". The Government has increased taxes by \$32.4 billion, an increase of 46 per cent, in three and one-half years.

If one analyzes where those tax increases have occurred, one sees that personal income taxes have risen by \$16.1 billion, an increase of 55 per cent. Corporate income taxes have only gone up 2.6 per cent, an increase of 28 per cent. Sales and excise taxes have gone up 77 per cent in four years. That is what Canadians are being forced to pay as a result of the economic measures of the Government.

The Government, through the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister, and other members of the Cabinet, indicated