

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### NEWFOUNDLAND—APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO DEFER ABANDONMENT

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, this question is directed to the Minister of Transport but as he has left the chamber I will direct it to the President of the Privy Council. Is he aware of the fact that the Newfoundland legislature has unanimously approved a resolution to defer the abandonment of C.N.R. passenger service in Newfoundland?

[Translation]

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### REPORT OF URANIUM DISCOVERY IN QUEBEC

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the Secretary of State but since he is absent, I will put it to his parliamentary secretary to whom I gave notice of it.

[English]

Would the Parliamentary Secretary obtain a report and make it available to the house with respect to the activities of the C.B.C. resulting in its report of uranium discoveries in Québec?

**Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I have made inquiries about the report to which I believe the hon. member has referred. I am informed by the C.B.C. that they believe their employees exercised proper journalistic judgment in presenting this report on March 21. Consideration was given to the ample opportunity there would be for comment or clarification of the matter by the parties concerned between the time the report was broadcast and the re-opening of the stock market. In fact, a statement made on behalf of the companies was carried on the C.B.C.'s early evening national newscast on March 23. I am informed by the C.B.C. that the company did not contradict the report but only the tonnage figure used in the report.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### WEEKLY STATEMENT—MARITIME FREIGHT RATES ACT—ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** May I ask the government house leader about the business for this week and that part of next

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week that we will still be here? Could the minister when replying confirm the date members will be free to depart for the Easter recess in order that they may dialogue earnestly with their constituents on the large mass of still unsolved problems?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, before making that statement perhaps I could give the second report of the inter-party committee on parliamentary hockey. I wish to confirm that the House of Commons once again triumphed in eking out a defensive victory over the press gallery by a score of four to four. In view of the fact we only got a tie, no stars are being awarded.

With regard to the business for the coming week, as hon. members know the first item of business today will be No. 36, Bill S-15, to amend the Food and Drugs Act. This will be followed by item 13, the report stage of Bill C-102, with regard to drug prices. It is anticipated that tomorrow the drug prices bill will be called again to be followed by Bill S-26 with regard to hazardous products.

On Monday next the first item of business will be No. 23, Bill S-5 with regard to the Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act for report stage and third reading. This will be followed by No. 53, Bill S-28 with regard to the Co-operative Credit Associations Act. Following that will be No. 55, Bill C-171 with respect to the National Library.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week it is proposed to call item 7, Bill C-112 with regard to the Farm Machinery Syndicates Act. This will be followed by items 18, 19 and 43 with regard to agricultural Bills C-154, C-155 and C-157.

With respect to the question by my hon. friend, it is the government's intention that the house will sit until April 2. If, however, it is possible to deal effectively with this timetable before that date, it might be possible for it to rise sooner.

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I noticed that in the house leader's observations concerning the business there was no reference to Bill C-182, to amend the Maritime Freight Rates Act. I rise on this question of privilege for the reason that an undertaking was made to the house privately and publicly. There was an agreement to deal with this matter because the freeze on maritime freight rates expired on March 23. There is great concern,