

*Business of the House*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That is hardly a point of order. The hon. member is questioning the judgment of the Chair. I suggest that the hon. member's question should be placed on the order paper.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Ask the question some other way.

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[Translation]

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS

ST. JEAN-BAPTISTE DAY—REQUEST THAT HOUSE NOT SIT ON MONDAY, JUNE 26

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the President of the Privy Council whether in the timetable of the business of the House, June 26 could not be considered a holiday to celebrate one of the two founding nations of Canada?

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

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#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. McCutcheon:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the government House leader what the business of the House will be tomorrow, and how far into the future a look into his crystal ball takes him as to the business for next week?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is another opposition day. Next week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be opposition days. On Monday, we will resume the adjourned debate on the foreign takeover legislation, to be followed by the Wheat Board Act, the financial mechanisms legislation and the representation commissioner legislation. On Wednesday, we will begin with the election expenses bill and complete the uncompleted business of Monday.

[Translation]

**Mr. Fortin:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Lotbinière on a point of order.

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, this point of order could perhaps take the form of a question to the President of the Privy Council on the statement he has just made.

Yesterday, agreement seemed to have been reached on the opposition day reserved for the Social Credit, namely next Thursday, but the minister has just said that the scheduled three days of opposition would be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Am I wrong, and if yes, will someone correct me?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest there be consultations between the hon. member and the parliamentary leader of the government.

[English]

I see the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre rising on his own point of order.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps you will permit me to rise on a point of order in a way which may clear matters. There has been agreement among the opposition parties that Tuesday will be allotted to the Progressive Conservatives, Thursday to the Créditiste party and Friday to the New Democratic Party.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a further point of order. I think Your Honour will find that there has been agreement among the four parties of this House to fix certain time limits on the speeches in today's debate. Since there is great interest in this debate and since so many speakers want to take part, we propose, on behalf of the four parties in this House, that the lead-off spokesman of each party shall be governed by Standing Order 58(13). This will provide 30 minutes for the mover and 30 minutes for the government spokesman, and 20 minutes each for the other two principal spokesmen. We propose, however, that all other speeches be limited to 15 minutes and that no one is to be granted overtime.

**Mr. Speaker:** The suggestion made by the hon. member requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is so ordered.

[Translation]

Does the House agree on the proposal made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[English]

#### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

##### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION—ALLEGED FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH INCREASING FOOD PRICES—NEED FOR COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House the government has failed to cope with the problem of steadily rising food prices, which seriously affect Canadian living standards, or with the fact that supermarket profits have increased simultaneously at an unprecedented rate, and because these matters are of nation-wide concern they should be referred immediately to a Special Committee of this House for investigation and report by June 26, 1972.

She said: Mr. Speaker, 100 years ago Abraham Lincoln, the great liberator declared that the legitimate object of