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representing women's rights. They have pointed out that they have difficulty with this matter. Our minister has been negotiating in Montreal on the possibility of adjusting that to meet the particular problem of execution, under different jurisdictions, of maintenance judgments or alimony.

Here, as in everything else, the federal government is taking an extremely flexible position. We are prepared to accommodate the desires of the greatest number of Canadians and are trying to reconcile those with the desires of the provinces in order to simplify the whole area of family law. This has been our position—not reneging on our February position but indicating there was this real difficulty and that we would be anxious to try to find a solution in co-operation with the provinces.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker. This is Thursday, the tenth day of July, and it is a very important Thursday. I wonder whether my friend would have any information for us in respect of what the plans of the government are as far ahead as he would like to see in terms of legislation for next week? While he is on his feet would he agree to designating next Monday as an allotted day—the seventh allotted day for the opposition?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, this afternoon we will study Bill C-30. It is very important that we obtain third reading of that bill, hopefully before five o'clock. That will be followed by Bill C-3.

Tomorrow, after consultation with my colleagues, we have agreed to study certain bills in this order, if possible; C-13, C-31 and C-5 which has been reported from the committee or will be reported later on today. That is the Bretton Woods measure. We will need consent to proceed with that bill tomorrow, but I understand we have that consent. We will then proceed with Bill C-4 in relation to municipal grants and, if necessary, S-6, to terminate the day tomorrow.

[Translation]

As for the next week, Madam Speaker, I confirm that Monday will be an allotted day, the seventh opposition day. Over the remainder of the week, we should no doubt complete what will be left from this week. In addition, we should consider Bill C-18, the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act on which the committee will report today, Bill C-26, the Fort Nelson Indian Reserve Minerals Revenue Sharing Act, Bill S-2 concerning tax conventions and Bill C-34, the Judges Act, if we can agree to hold a reasonably short debate to dispose of that bill at all stages.

That is essentially the bill of fare for the next two or three days.

[English]

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I have one other matter of concern, Madam Speaker. The government made a commitment, as I recollect, to the Canadian Commission on the International Year of the Child to refer the report to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs. I wonder when that could be done, on the understanding it would be dealt with in very short order? Would the government House leader consider that, please?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, if I have agreement that this can be done today without debate I will agree to present it to the committee; if not, I will consult with my colleagues and try to work out something for tomorrow.

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, I thank the government House leader for giving us the bill of fare for the next few days. May I say in respect of Bill C-5 that we will give unanimous consent to that bill being proceeded with at the report and third reading stages tomorrow. I do not think any of the other bills he has listed require unanimous consent, but we do agree on that one.

Just to keep the record clear, what happens to Bill C-34 is still a matter of negotiation. I believe the minister put it that way and I confirm that that is the situation.

In looking over the order paper I have wondered, and sometimes my colleagues have asked me, when we were going to complete the debate on the throne speech. He might tell us some day when we are going to have day number eight in that regard. Surely the government does not want to carry on forever without having the confidence that goes with the conclusion of that debate.

I have just one other thing to say to the minister. He probably does not think it is really Thursday because I cannot ask him when he is going to bring forward the bill regarding veterans. I can tell him that the campaign starts today for a bill to amend the one we passed yesterday in order that 24,000 of the widows who, by that bill, are entitled to their pensions will not have to wait for one to six and a half years to get it. I hope within a matter of months, perhaps when the House comes back in the fall, the minister will agree to the suggestion I am sure the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald) will make, that we take care of that fault. We almost did it yesterday but for four votes.

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[Translation]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows: