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be making a presentation to my cabinet colleagues this month and hopefully there will soon be legislation before the House which will correct most, if not all, of the inadequacies of the current law.

Mr. Speaker: This will be the last question. The Hon. Member for Regina East.

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

PRINCIPAL GROUP BANKRUPTCY—CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the same Minister. He has repeatedly assured this House and thousands of Principal Group investors that a federal investigation of possible misrepresentations by First Investors and Associated Investors would be completed by the end of August. We are well into the second week of September and investors are still waiting to be told if the investigation is completed. Can the Minister now report to the House that the investigation has been completed and, if so, will the Attorney General be laying any charges?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I am unable to make that report although I wish I could. I am informed by the Competition Bureau, which has the mandate for this investigation, that they are proceeding with it as extensively and expeditiously as possible. Although they hesitate to put a date on it, they tell me they will soon be making recommendations to the Attorney General.

REQUEST THAT INVESTIGATION BE ACCELERATED

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, the Minister is aware that his Department has been aware of allegations of misrepresentation as early as July 14. Again I urge the Minister to speed up the investigation, and can he explain why it is taking so long?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Unfortunately, I cannot explain. The Marketing Practices Branch of the Competition Bureau has a relationship with me much like the Solicitor General and the RCMP. It is contrary to law for me to intervene and tell them to proceed in this or that fashion. What I have said is based on information they have given me about their expectations. I have transmitted that to the House, and I will ask them to try to live up to that obligation. I cannot legally lean on them.

[Translation]

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, I would now like to ask the usual question that is put on Thursday. I would ask the spokesmen for the Government to give us a statement of the business the Government expects to present to the House during the coming week.

[English]

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, we are making good progress on third reading of Bill C-84. In the event that it passes today, we will proceed tomorrow to Bill C-68, also known as the Bretton Woods Agreements, and thereafter to Bill C-61, proceeds of crime; then to two other justice Bills, C-53, amendments to the Supreme Court Act, and C-58, mutual legal assistance. We will continue with those on Monday, and it is my intention to get together with the other House Leaders to try and arrange the orderly procedure of business for next week.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On the same point of order, the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton)?

Mr. Fulton: It is a separate point of order. During Question Period the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) incorrectly stated that the policy of the NDP is that we oppose any gas or oil exports from Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Debate.

Mr. Fulton: That is not factually correct.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

IMMIGRATION ACT, 1976

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Bouchard that Bill C-84, an Act to amend the Immigration Act, 1976 and the Criminal Code in consequence thereof, be read the third time and passed.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I understand I am the last speaker to rise in this debate and I do so in solidarity with my colleagues in the NDP. We want to take this opportunity to make a final appeal to the Government to not pass Bill C-84 without amendments. I know at this stage it is impossible to move new amendments, but we want to say once again for the record that we believe a grievous error is being made here. There are many injustices in this Bill which we will all live to regret, including the Conservatives. By and