

## TRADE

## GATT—REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF CANADA'S TARIFF PROPOSALS

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that last Sunday he announced that the Canadian delegation to Geneva would table the Canadian list following the tabling of the United States list on Tuesday, is the minister prepared to table the list in the House today so that parliament can know what Canada is doing in the matter of trade and tariff negotiations?

**Hon. Jack H. Horner (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I said we would be tabling a list in Geneva shortly after the United States tabled theirs on January 23. They have an offer list which can be withdrawn at any time. Therefore, it is not a final list and it would be wrong to refer to it in this House or anywhere else as being a final document. It is a negotiated beginning and not an end, and therefore it will be secret for some months yet.

● (1502)

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, in the event that we read about it in the press next week, would the minister not agree that Canadian business and industry is entitled to know what is being offered in trade for other advantages, so that we do not go through the charade and nonsense of the Kennedy Round when half of Canadian industry had its bargaining rights traded away in secret?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, my department and I have been in constant consultation with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and with the advisory committee to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. We are in constant consultation with Canadian industry generally.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Since our chief competitor is United States industry, why does not the minister in this administration, to which he now belatedly belongs, follow the example of the American negotiators and do it out in the open, so we know what he is doing? This is indicative of a few people in Geneva who have not consulted with the provinces or industry.

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, let me correct the erroneous statement made by the hon. member. We and the team in Geneva have consulted extensively with the provinces. We are aware of the provinces' opinions, and to my knowledge the American list which was tabled on the twenty-third of this month has not been made public to the American businessman or anyone else other than those people who are part of the negotiating team at Geneva.

*Business of the House*

## PRIVILEGE

## MR. KNOWLES (WINNIPEG NORTH CENTRE)—CP AIR EXECUTIVE SERVICE BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Yesterday the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) raised a question of privilege. The hon. Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer) has indicated he would like to make a brief reply.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre raised a question of privilege concerning a letter sent by CP Air and suggesting the use of a telephone number from my department's Central Travel Office to make reservations on that airline.

Officers from my department have been acquainted with this letter and on January 24 they contacted and met with representatives of CP Air. The company expressed regret for this administrative error and stopped the distribution of the letter. Moreover, the company has promised to have this telephone number changed and a new explanatory letter will be sent to all persons concerned.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The matter was raised yesterday as a question of privilege. I indicated I had some reservation as to whether or not it was in fact a question of privilege. I can safely say now that it was not, and in any case the point has been properly answered.

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## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could direct a question to the government House leader concerning House business. Could he give us an outline of the business that he foresees, as far as he can look ahead, as we begin the second week of this part of the session? Would he also confirm that he is prepared to designate Thursday, February 2, as an allotted day?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am quite prepared to designate next Thursday as an allotted day.

Apart from the request for information on government business, I would like to confirm that we will be proceeding today with the employment tax credit legislation. This will be followed by Bill C-19 amending the Petroleum Administration Act, and by the bills dealing with the organization of Air Canada and the recapitalization of the CNR. We would follow this by completing the fishing and recreational harbours bill if there is time before we begin the discussion on the pipeline legislation, which I hope to introduce in the House at an early date and call for debate as soon as members have had an opportunity to study the terms of the bill.