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## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I will ask the usual question, and pursuant to your instruction, I will make it very short.

I want to ask the government House leader to give us the statement of business he intends to call for the coming week.

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will resume debate on Bill C-49. Monday, December 11, we will deal with the report stage of Bill C-4 and Bill C-23.

In view of the seriousness of the situation on the St. Lawrence Seaway, the risk to the movement of grain, the risk to safety and the serious question of service to veterans, I wish, at this time, to give notice that at the next sitting of the House, immediately before the Order of the Day is called for resuming debate on the motion for second reading of Bill C-49 and on any amendments proposed thereto, I will move that the debate shall not be further adjourned.

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**POINT OF ORDER**

## ADVERTISING

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order. I would like to quote from a recent issue of the *Eastern Graphic* of Montague, P.E.I. It reads:

Cardigan Liberal MP Lawrence MacAulay is selling handcrafted Christmas wreaths to other MPs—

**Mr. Speaker:** Just a moment. Excuse me. That matter is presently in front of the Speaker. I think it is appropriate that that is where it stays until I return to the House on it.

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask a question of the government House leader concerning legislation and to ask him, at this traditional opportunity on Thursday when the government intends to move forward with long overdue legislation respecting more effective gun control in Canada.

It was in 1986 that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police pointed out that there was a world-wide surplus of automatic and semi-automatic weapons primarily designed for purposes of warfare now finding their way into the Canadian market-place.

It was in 1986 that the member for Don Valley East questioned the then minister who said that the legislation was coming soon. In 1987 we were told it was coming soon.

The minister said, in June of this year, he would be bringing forward this legislation on gun control in the near future. He has the unanimous agreement of the provincial attorneys general. How many more tragic deaths must there be, Mr. Speaker, before this minister moves forward on this—

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

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[English]

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES RESUMPTION ACT**

## MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. de Cotret that Bill C-49, an act to provide for the resumption of certain government services, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** On a point of order, the hon. Minister of Veterans Affairs.

**Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Madam Speaker, at one o'clock I had the floor and it is my understanding, according to the rules, that I would continue to make my remarks at this time.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Madam Speaker, we have a procedural difficulty here. It is true the minister had the floor at one minute to one o'clock. He proceeded then to put a motion to the House which was disposed of. The normal practice for anyone having the floor is to finish his speech by moving a motion. This member has finished his comments, he can move that motion and sit down.

The difficulty I have at this time, since the minister moved the motion at the beginning of his so-called speech, which we did not hear, is that I took it then that the minister had made his remarks, that he was ending