

Yesterday, three refugees were involved in a fight. Two were sent to Parthenais and the third was wounded. These people are protesting against detention conditions which do not meet the minimal standards of the United Nations.

What does the Minister intend to do about this urgent situation which will soon turn into a riot.

[English]

Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration)): Mr. Speaker, I assure the Hon. Member that I have been monitoring closely, with officials of the Department, the situation in the Montreal detention centre. As the Hon. Member will know, it was part of the study of the standing committee into detention centres. These centres were never intended for longer stays. At the moment I am informed that those who are being detained for longer periods receive regular medical care. The situation is quiet. There will be a meeting of support groups, those who are incarcerated, and officials within the next day or two.

[Translation]

Mrs. Pépin: I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Please make it a very short supplementary.

INQUIRY WHETHER PROBLEM CAN BE SETTLED *IN SITU*

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): I am very happy to learn that the meeting will take place, but I would also like to know whether the Immigration officials who will take part in this meeting will be able to solve the problems on the spot.

● (1500)

[English]

Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration)): Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member will know, a number of the problems were outlined in the Standing Committee's unanimous report which contains 22 recommendations. I will be reporting on those to the House in October. We have acted on some four or five of those recommendations relating to health, safety, and other provisions. We will be acting on the basis of that report immediately, and in fact even before the response is brought in.

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CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions, with the exception of one presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, September 18, 1985, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) does not meet the requirements of the Standing Order as to form.

Business of the House

The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Restigouche (Mr. Girard) by filing with the Clerk of the House also meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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PRIVILEGE

WITHDRAWAL OF REMARK MADE DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I seek your indulgence so that I may withdraw unequivocally the unfortunate remark I made in the preamble to my supplementary question today.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Government House Leader (Mr. Hnatyshyn) if he can outline the business of the House that he intends to call over the coming several days.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity of informing the House of the agenda. Hon. Members will know that we have now had a long and interesting debate on Bill C-70, an Act to amend the Family Allowances Act. This matter has received the attention of the House and I am anticipating that it can go to committee where it can receive the—

Mr. Speaker: With great respect, I hesitate to interrupt the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn), but it is almost impossible for Hon. Members who are interested in the answer to the question on the business of the House to hear it. Could I ask those who are having conversations if they might conduct them somewhere else?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: As I was saying, Mr. Speaker, I think that Bill C-70, now having received a very thorough discussion, should make progress and get to a legislative committee where there will be an opportunity for Hon. Members to investigate the details of the legislation as well as to speak in a meaningful way to the principles involved.

We are intending to call Bills C-67 and C-68 which deal with the Parole Act and the Penitentiaries Act. Hon. Members will know that these two Bills are being debated together and will go to one legislative committee. I understand that there will be a very brief debate on those Bills. I am so informed and do really believe that there are not very many more speakers.

As well, I would like to bring forward Bill C-74, an Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867, and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, again with a view to having this matter referred to a committee so that we can examine the