

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): There seems to be a storm over there.

Mr. Lang: We do consider it essential, before we rise for the summer, to deal with the four tax bills that are before the House, the Olympics bill, the capital punishment bill, the Immigration Appeal Board bill and the electoral boundaries bill in all of their stages. We attach great importance to the election expenses legislation, the family allowances legislation and the privacy legislation, and we will certainly press forward with them and hope for co-operation. So far as the election expenses legislation is concerned, we would like to see it become law quickly. That would be desirable even before we rise, but what is really essential is that it become law before the next election.

Mr. Baldwin: When is that?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask the acting House leader if he can assure the House that the bill respecting family allowances will be presented within the next few days so that there could be some chance of it being dealt with before the recess?

Mr. Lang: We are trying to move it forward as quickly as we can.

Mr. Lundrigan: My question is supplementary and it is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can he give us some indication of what the immediate plan for the FISP bill is. The bill has really been in the conceptual stage for four years. Can the minister give the House an assurance that it will be brought in, debated and passed before the House rises?

Mr. Lalonde: It has had a long gestation, but I hope the hon. member will see the bill pretty soon.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. These are now supplementaries and points of order. The Chair allows, as a normal procedure, the House leader for the Official Opposition and other House leaders to rise on so-called points of order at the end of the question period to inquire as to the business of the House, but I wonder whether that should be a justification for many hon. members to rise and ask about the future of different items of legislation. I think that hon. members might reflect on whether we should proceed or get used to this practice. The hon. member for Huron rises, I believe, on the same point of order.

Mr. McKinley: I wish to direct my question to the government House leader. We received some assurances from the Minister of Agriculture that before we rise for the recess, amendments would be brought in to legislation concerning the humane movement of western feeder cattle and also that the 36 hour limit would be taken out of the Criminal Code. Will that legislation not be forthcoming immediately?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the exact timing of that has not been determined.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar rising on the same so-called point of order?

Olympic Bill

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether he is also prepared, before the House rises, to bring in whatever changes or alterations to the procedure of handling feed grain there might be.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the policy announcement will come first. If the hon. member is asking about legislation in that regard before the House rises, if any legislation is required—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I respectfully suggest to hon. members that these additional questions are not points of order at all. If we are to develop the practice of having an additional ten minutes of questions on an alleged point of order, then the questions should be asked as regular questions during the question period rather than raised by the House leaders. I suggest that if, by consent, House leaders are allowed to rise on a point of order to ask about the business of the House, that should be limited as much as possible to House leaders.

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OLYMPIC (1976) BILL

PROVISION FOR ISSUING OF COMMEMORATIVE COINS AND STAMPS AND HOLDING OF LOTTERY

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board) moved that Bill C-196, respecting the 1976 summer Olympic games, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think I should bring to the attention of hon. members that it is normal courtesy for hon. members not to rise and leave the House while the motion is being put.

An hon. Member: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, in a statement to the House on February 2 of this year, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) stated that the federal government was "willing to act upon the request of the city of Montreal and COJO concerning the special issues of Olympic stamps and coins". He also mentioned the government's continuing discussion with the government of Quebec, the city of Montreal and COJO on the best way of answering COJO's request for an annual lottery. This commitment was given on the basis of written assurances of the prime minister of Quebec, the mayor of Montreal and Le Comité d'Organisation des Jeux Olympiques, COJO, the Olympic organizing committee, that if the requests just referred to are met, no direct contribution will be required from the federal government for the staging of the 1976 summer Olympic games. Hon. members will recognize that the provisions of this bill fully discharge that commitment, the commitment that this government made to the province of Quebec, the city of Montreal, and COJO.

The Prime Minister, in his February statement, also recognized the federal involvement in the summer