

In view of the fact there have been consultations on this and similar bills to abolish the Small Loans Act, and due to the fact that this is already before the House, is it possible, particularly in view of the fact that we can put the bill through three readings without debate—

Mr. Darling: Now.

Mr. Blenkarn: As the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka says, now. Is it possible we could get that bill through, debate it and dispose of it, certainly this week?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I note the hon. member's suggestion to transmit his remarks to the interested minister and, should the need arise, we will follow his suggestion to the letter and dispose of this bill quickly. But I cannot give him the assurance he is seeking just now.

[English]

Mr. Blenkarn: Madam Speaker, I would be most delighted to turn over to the President of the Privy Council a letter from his colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, addressed to my colleague for Parry Sound-Muskoka, indicating that it is absolutely essential and a priority of the government to dispose of the Small Loans Act. Unfortunately, as the President of the Privy Council knows, the bill has not been introduced by the government. Naturally, we could accept it if instead it were made a government bill, the bill before the House being in exactly the same form that a government bill would normally be.

Mr. Cossitt: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order dealing with House business. I would like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council. About a week or so ago I received a letter from the Minister of Finance in which he confirmed that he was going ahead—I think the words were almost immediately, in the almost immediate future or something like that—with a bill concerning the garnisheeing of public servants' wages in order to put them on an equal footing with the rest of Canadians who do not have the privilege of being protected as public servants now do. When does the President of the Privy Council anticipate that that legislation will be proceeded with?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, concerning Bill C-38 to which the hon. member is probably referring, if there is agreement to dispose of this bill without debate at all stages I have no objection whatsoever to its being approved before Friday. Quite the contrary.

Order Paper Questions

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

THE ROYAL FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO QUEEN MOTHER ON HER BIRTHDAY

On the order: Government Notices of Motions:

July 10, 1980—*The Prime Minister:*

That Madam Speaker send a Message to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, extending the congratulations of the House of Commons of Canada on Her completion on August 4, 1980, of Her eightieth year, expressing the gratefulness of the people of Canada for the many services Her Majesty has rendered them over the years, including Her many visits, beginning with the first in 1939 when she accompanied Her husband, His Majesty King George VI, on the first visit of a reigning monarch to this country, and wishing Her continued good health and long life.

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 21(2), this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later today or at the next sitting of the House.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 156, 188, 269, 358, 710, 807 and 1,016.

[Text]

NORAD AGREEMENT

Question No. 156—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is the NORAD agreement due for renewal in May, 1980, and, if so (a) is it planned to re-draw regional defence boundaries (b) will Canada be given sovereignty over its own airspace and, if so, what steps will the government take to strengthen the air force section of the armed forces to meet such a commitment?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The current NORAD agreement was extended for one year on May 12, 1980. There is mutual agreement between the United States and Canada to "reconfigure" the boundaries of the NORAD defence regions. This will mean that future NORAD operations in Canadian airspace will be controlled from NORAD region operations control centres located in Canada.

A major step in the modernization of the Canadian Armed Forces to upgrade Canada's contribution to NORAD was taken April 10 when the government decided to purchase the CF-18A as Canada's new fighter aircraft.