

financing bill through the balance of the day to complete the stage at which those bills are now, that is, second reading in both cases, by the time the House rises on Friday. I have consulted with my colleagues and we are prepared to go ahead on that basis. I think that would be the most fair way to deal with the matter, preserving the allotted day and giving the balance of time to the government.

As well, in the event that a vote was called with respect to either of those matters of government business, those votes would be deferred until a time to be discussed by house leaders. I think that is a reasonable way to settle the use of the balance of the day.

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, the proposition put forward is one that has been negotiated among the house leaders. If I could restate it, our condition would be that there be a house order that all questions relative to Bill C-17 and Bill C-7 would be disposed of by the time the House has completed its normal sitting tomorrow, and in the event of a vote, the vote would be deferred to a time determined by House leaders.

If that is agreed by all members we could proceed with Bill C-17, starting now, which is the CNR recapitalization bill, and then move on to COLURA.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the House leader for the official opposition and the deputy House leader for the government have correctly stated the agreements we reached during the last hour or so. If I might just restate the matter as we understand it, it is that today, which was to have been our allotted day, will be undesignated and another day given to us, the exact date to be determined after consultation. It is understood that just as we had the right to a vote on the motion at the end of today we will have that vote—it may be one day next week—on the same subject matter.

The other part of the arrangement is that we will deal with government business for the rest of today and tomorrow. We are prepared to agree to a House order that the second reading stages of Bill C-7 and Bill C-17 be concluded by four o'clock tomorrow.

As a contribution toward making that possible, and because Bill C-7 is so technical that it ought to be dealt with in committee, we are prepared to let that bill have second reading without debate. So far as we are concerned any time available could go to Bill C-17. We are not asking others to give up the right to debate Bill C-7 but we think this arrangement can be carried through.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House would then require, by unanimous consent, an order that, by motion of the deputy House leader, seconded by the Minister of Transport, today's designation as an allotted day be annulled with the preservation of the right to the New Democratic Party to enjoy a same day to be designated which will lead to a vote as it would have done today; and that the House will then revert to government business upon orders of the day later this day and proceed to deal with Bill C-7 and Bill C-17; and that it is understood that both matters will finalize second reading by the ordinary hour

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of adjournment tomorrow. If any vote is necessary at second reading, that vote will be deferred until a time to be specified.

The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed and so ordered.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): I think it was understood by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) that the very important subject of the status of women would be the subject on that full opposition day when it occurs.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): It will be the same motion moved by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) put down under Standing Order 58(9), which means there will be a vote.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, with respect to the business of the House, and since we have disposed of business for the balance of the week, I wonder if the acting government House leader could confirm government business for next week. There is the question of designation of certain other allotted days. Would he rather designate now or wait until there is full discussion?

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, in so far as business for next week is concerned, it had been agreed by House leaders that next Tuesday, March 7, would be designated as an opposition day; I do not mean that as being the replacement day in the motion we have just dealt with. Next week we will also be dealing with the bill appointing the comptroller general, Bill C-12, and Bill C-26, an act to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability Act and the Post Office Act.

In light of the events that have taken place today there may be need for further adjustment in the orders I have laid down, and as the House leader is not here I should like the opportunity to discuss this matter. There may be some flexibility in the points I have made today.

While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I properly detected a feeling that Bill C-7, COLURA, could be disposed of without debate. If that is the case we could call it in advance of the CNR bill; but if that is not the case we would proceed with the CNR bill and then go to COLURA later this day or tomorrow.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I think we had better proceed with the CNR financing. I do not believe debate on COLURA will be long but I do not think I could say there would be no debate at all.