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As for implementing the Dubin report, and I have already referred to this, whether it will be 90 per cent, 95 per cent or 85 per cent, there will be discussion on that. I have already said in the House that I very much hope legislation can be brought forward in the fall. However, when I say that, I have to turn to my colleagues in the cabinet and pay attention to their views on the subject. Therefore, I have to qualify what I say by saying, "Subject to the approval of cabinet". Nevertheless, in the fall I should have legislation on the subject of an independent agency to investigate the case involving air safety.

MANPOWER

REQUEST THAT MINISTER MEET WITH WOMEN'S OUTREACH GROUPS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Earlier in the question period the minister was asked whether or not he would meet personally with women's Outreach groups. Will the minister stand up in the House and commit himself to meeting personally with women's Outreach groups in the next 30 days? Will he also make a commitment to the House that the budget available to women's Outreach groups will be at least as much this year as it was last year? Will he make those two commitments here and now?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, it may be of interest to members of the House that the number of Outreach programs for women have increased from 13 to 21 since we took power. This is almost a 40 per cent increase over the position taken by the hon. member's government. I can say that we are working very diligently to make sure that the trend we established will continue.

As I indicated previously, we plan two days of meetings with Outreach groups next week, with officials in charge of the programs. When I receive their reports and have had a chance to read them, we will then take the next step as we see fit.

Mr. Hawkes: The minister carefully avoided answering whether or not the budgetary amount in the year ahead would be equal to the year just past. It is possible to have 21 projects with one staff person each, whereas there were 14 with ten, and that is a considerable budget cut.

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LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Will the minister indicate whether the funding in the year ahead for women's Outreach programs will be at least as great? Will he promise this House that that amount will be at least as great in the year ahead as it was for the year just past?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): As I indicated in my previous answer, Madam

Speaker, we have substantially expanded the ability to provide counselling and Outreach services to women across this country, steps that the hon. member's government did not even contemplate when it was in power, such as establishing separate centres. The fact is we have increased those budgets and we will continue to place emphasis on women's projects.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order relating to the business of the House. Last Thursday when the business for this week was announced, it had not yet been decided what we would be doing tomorrow. Is the government House leader now in a position to tell us what the business will be tomorrow and also what the plans are for Thursday and Friday?

Mr. Pinard: Tomorrow, Madam Speaker, we will be considering Bills S-10, C-66 and S-19 in that order. I hope there will be agreement to dispose of all stages of those three bills with one speaker per party in each case. In so far as Thursday and Friday are concerned, on Thursday we intend to proceed with report stage of Bill C-57 and have the divisions at nine o'clock. We have worked on a House order which is now ready, but I would prefer to have it approved by the House tomorrow. On Friday we will be dealing with third reading of Bill C-57. We have already made an agreement to defer any vote until next week if a vote is required on Friday.

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, I share the minister's hope that we can deal with those three bills tomorrow, and I believe we can. However, in a couple of cases we just learned today that they will be called. Therefore, we have not had time to check to see whether they can all be considered with one speaker per party. I did not want silence to mean consent, although I share the minister's hope.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: That is right, Madam Speaker; as a matter of fact, the Progressive Conservative House leader to whom I talked on the phone has made the same request. We will be in a better position to determine later today whether or not there is agreement to limit the debate on the two bills I have mentioned.

[English]

PRIVILEGE

MR. McKINNON—MOVE OF RCMP HEADQUARTERS "E" DIVISION

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. You will recall that on Friday I gave notice that I would be raising this question of privilege today. I have complied with your request that the documentation be sent to your office.