

whether abortion could be performed at the mother's request, if the attending gynaecologist believes that the pregnancy is or can become dangerous or still if it must be performed to protect the mother's health. The terms "to protect the mother's health" enjoyed a very extensive interpretation during the trial. Can the Prime Minister tell us whether he intends to amend the Criminal Code in that connection?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the government would certainly not want to leave a section of the Criminal Code open to interpretation. That is why we are happy to see that an appeal has been lodged in this case, and that the Appeal Court and, eventually, the Supreme Court may have to rule on the final interpretation of this section of the Criminal Code. In addition to this, I can only repeat what the minister and his parliamentary secretary have said, namely that if need be we shall consider the possibility of referring the case to the Supreme Court so that this matter may be settled as soon as possible.

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#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

##### NUMBER OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS APPLYING FOR BENEFITS FOLLOWING GREY CUP GAME

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who is responsible for the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Would the minister agree to alerting officers of the Unemployment Insurance Commission across the country so that they will record the number of football players applying for unemployment insurance benefits after the Grey Cup game?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This might be a good place to call orders of the day.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** They will all be from one team.

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#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am rising in the absence of the official opposition House leader to ask the question he would ask on Thursday. Perhaps these could be taken as his words coming out of my mouth. What is the business for the rest of this week and next week?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, today we will begin the report stage on Bill C-176 and continue it tomorrow. Following that we will take the foreign investment review bill, the Parole Act, in parts, and the Canada Pension Plan

#### Oral Questions

Bill No. 1. I should like to discuss tomorrow the business for Monday and Tuesday in order to arrive at a firm decision as to the items to be considered among this assortment of legislation.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government House leader whether certain items are on the list for the period between now and Christmas. I refer to the competition act, to which reference was made a day or two ago by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, to the amendments to the Canada Assistance Plan which have been agreed upon between the federal government and the provinces, and to the possibility of a petroleum supply allocation act. Will these matters, and a debate on the oil tax be before us between now and Christmas?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I have already indicated items which I should like to have dealt with next week. In addition, there are a number of items before the standing committees, particularly the bill dealing with election expenses. As well, the Minister of Finance will be giving notice of a bill in the field of federal-provincial fiscal relations, and there probably will be two bills relating to the oil situation. Those bills are those I should like to see completed before we can rise for an adjournment or prorogation. I would only add the additions suggested by my hon. friend if I had some reasonable assurance that the list already on view has some chance of being cleared before that adjournment or prorogation.

**Mr. Baker:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I note that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre rose as if he were the opposition House leader. I wish to point out that, although the opposition House leader is absent today, the deputy House leader of the only opposition in the House is here today and was on his feet.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The question I asked was interpreted as a joke. It really was not a joke. A few days ago I had this question on the order paper and the minister indicated that the commission did not keep statistics of that kind. I suggest that is an area which must be investigated.

**Mr. Danson:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys did not mean to make disparaging remarks against the people of Ontario when he said they did not have an ocean. May I point out to him that we have more international shoreline than any other province, with the possible exception of British Columbia.

**Mr. Muir:** On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, in reply to my good friend I can only say that I can understand why he has never gone farther than being a parliamentary secretary.