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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. I intend to have the bill referred in accordance with the rules to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs. I am quite sure the committee will want to look very carefully at the issue raised by the Senate. The committee may well, within the rules of the house, make some amendments to the bill.

Mr. Baldwin: Will the hon. member for York East be on the committee?

[*Translation*]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

DELAY IN PAYMENT OF PENSION INCREASE

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

In view of the fact that the pension of disabled veterans was increased by the government on September 1, 1964, would the minister say why several of those pensioned veterans are still waiting to get that increase?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I fail to see what this is about. Pensions for veterans were increased last year, and all the people eligible for pension got it. If the hon. member wants to submit some particular cases to me, I shall be glad to hear him.

[*English*]

FARM MACHINERY

PURCHASE OF TRACTORS FROM UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that a group of farmers has purchased 16 tractors from the United Kingdom at a price about half the Canadian list price, will the minister assure the house that the Barber commission is looking into this aspect of the pricing policies of the farm machinery industry in Canada?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that Dr. Barber is looking at the claim or allegation made by the federation which is arranging these sales.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I might make the weekly statement of business. On Friday we propose to call for third reading the two agricultural bills, C-156 and C-157. Then we would call for second reading the bill to amend the Financial Administration Act. Next we would call the report stage and third reading of the bill to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act, and that would be followed by the report stage and third reading of the bill to amend the Customs Act.

On Monday we propose to call the National Library bill for second reading and then the second reading of the Co-operative Credit Associations bill and the hazardous products bill.

On Tuesday we would return to the omnibus Criminal Code bill. Having already had five days of debate I would hope we would continue that stage to completion. Afterwards we would have the report stage of the drug prices bill.

On Wednesday we propose to begin the second reading debate on the government reorganization bill and continue with that measure at advanced stages on Thursday next.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

INCOME TAX ACT AND ESTATE TAX ACT

The house resumed, from Wednesday, February 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Benson that Bill C-165, to amend the Income Tax Act and the Estate Tax Act, be read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Saltsman (p. 5191).

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a few brief remarks in respect of this bill in order to pull together the ideas or criticisms put forward by my colleagues during this debate. I want to say to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) that my colleagues and I have given very careful attention to this bill and have come to the conclusion that it is not possible for us to support it for reasons which I will shortly indicate.