

beside him at the time. Whether this touches other considerations may be a matter for discussion, but there does not seem to be any procedural sanction for that practice.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government House leader the usual business question? I am particularly interested in the matter of the designation of the last allotted day. There have been discussions, and the date December 6 was mentioned, but when the matter was subsequently raised the spokesman for the party opposite stated it would be agreeable to set it for Thursday, December 8. Would the hon. gentleman confirm this? Also, I have received some inquiries about the possibility of a recess over the Christmas period. Could the House leader tell us the plans of the government with respect to that?

Mr. MacEachen: The date of the final allotted day will be December 8. I understand that this date would be more convenient for hon. members opposite, and it is designated accordingly. As to the other question, it is my intention to suggest that the House adjourn for the Christmas break on December 21 and resume on January 23, 1978. That is the objective; it has not been put into a motion yet.

Mr. Speaker: It might be appropriate for me to indicate now, in relation to the business of supply, that the only indication I have had of dispute over legislative items or argument about items contained in the estimates and supplementary estimates was that given yesterday by the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre). So I am informing the House that those items to which he referred are the two items which will be argued tomorrow before orders of the day.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS' SERVICES

Second report of Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services—Mr. Coates.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

References to Standing Committees

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

REFERENCES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to seek the consent of the House to have references made to two standing committees. I would hope consent to these motions could be given without debate, otherwise I would not proceed with them at this time. One motion has to do with referring the document entitled "The Management of Canada's Nuclear Wastes" to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: There has been a request that this be done, and if there is no objection I would proceed at the present time.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Deputy Prime Minister have leave to move that motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacEachen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That the document entitled "The Management of Canada's Nuclear Wastes", tabled November 22, 1977, be referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): With respect to the tabling just now of this report—

An hon. Member: It was tabled long ago.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): It was tabled, then, and it has now been referred to the committee. Would this preclude consideration of the report by the Standing Committee on Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment? The report is one which has important environmental implications, and I am wondering whether it might not be referred at the same time to the standing committee I have just mentioned.

Mr. MacEachen: It would be difficult, I think, to have two committees seized with the same report. Nevertheless, it might be possible to give consideration to accommodating the hon. member's interests. The Standing Committee on National Resources would certainly co-operate to achieve that objective.

The second motion has to do with the reactivation of the Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on the national capital region. The motion is somewhat lengthy. It has been circulated, I understand, to hon. members opposite.

Mr. Paproski: No.

Mr. MacEachen: I understood it was circulated some days ago. However, it might have been mislaid in the delivery system. Perhaps what I should do, Mr. Speaker, is read the motion and if hon. members have any objection or question, or if they wish for further consultation, I would defer moving it until a later date.