

*Excise Act***BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted to make my weekly statement of business for the House.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, as announced last night, the first item for today will be the Excise Act, to be followed by the Yukon and Northwest Territory amendments. The third item would be the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Bill and the fourth item, the National Farm Products Marketing Council Bill. Tomorrow, Friday, as already indicated, will be an allotted day. Monday, as hon. members know, will be a holiday. On Tuesday, we will proceed first with the Industrial Research and Development Incentives Bill, which has been referred back to the Committee of the whole, to be followed by the National Farm Products Marketing Council Bill, if it has not been passed before that. On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, we will take the Canada Water Act, which I gather will be reported back to the House tomorrow.

Mr. Baldwin: On what day will the government deal with unemployment?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): That is up to the opposition.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-136, an Act respecting the expropriation of land, with an amendment, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**EXCISE ACT**

AMENDING LEGISLATION

The House resumed from Tuesday, May 12, consideration of the motion of Mr. Côté that Bill C-209, to amend the Excise Act, be read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Is the House ready for the question?

[Mr. Whelan.]

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I am about to make the best speech of my career. On behalf of my party, I say that we agree.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

YUKON ACT, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT AND TERRITORIAL LANDS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES, LAND MANAGEMENT ZONES, ETC.

The House resumed from Wednesday, May 13, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-212, to amend the Yukon Act, the Northwest Territories Act and the Territorial Lands Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, yesterday evening before the House rose I was mentioning the effect the territorial government has had on the lives of the people of the north. I also said that I had been in the community of Tuktoyaktuk and participated in an important ceremony on that community which, as I said, is on the Beaufort Sea. Its population is predominantly Eskimo. As a result of the introduction of local government, the local people were able to petition their government for the establishment of an incorporated community, and on April 1 this community came into being as such. The members of the council are local people who are residents of the area; most of them were born there.

Several weeks ago, I received a petition in my office from the community of Eskimo Point. Eskimo Point is on the west coast of Hudson Bay. The petition had been circulated by the Eskimo women in the community and it requested that water be delivered on a consistent and constant basis to the new homes of the community. After taking this matter up with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, we were told that the function of water delivery had been transferred to the territorial government. For some years, the men and women of the community of Eskimo Point have been concerned about a constant water supply. Their petition reads as follows:

We have to get our own water with babies on our backs. We need water for cooking, cleaning, and washing also to help stop disease like skin