

*Inquiries of the Ministry***THE BUDGET**INQUIRY AS TO PROBABLE DATE OF
PRESENTATION

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Can the minister indicate now on what date his budget presentation will be made, and what form that presentation will take?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): It will be some time early in June.

Mr. Burton: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister assure the house that there will be full opportunity for a debate of his presentation?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, this is determined by the rules of the house.

NATIONAL DEFENCEAIRBORNE WARNING CONTROL SYSTEM—USE
OF CANADIAN BASES BY U.S.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence a question arising out of statements attributed to officials of the department that AWACS will need the use of Canadian air bases to be effective. In the light of the remarks attributed to the minister himself, that he favours Canadian participation in AWACS, will he say whether the government has made a decision with regard to the use of the Canadian bases by the United States in this connection?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker. No decision on this is required at this time because, as the hon. member knows, this is a project for the future and is not yet ready to operate. Therefore we have no decision to make at the present time.

Mr. Stanfield: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister of National Defence say whether the matter is under consideration, so that a decision will be available at the time it is required.

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): At the present time it is under consideration at the research and development level. That is all.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSEFURTHER TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF ADJOURN-
MENT DEBATE SUBJECTS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise briefly on a point of [Mr. Munro.]

order having to do with an item of house business. I might have raised it during the question period except for the fact that the government house leader is away and so is the acting government house leader. My point of order relates to the fact that there are now over 20 questions, and perhaps more have been added today, that have piled up for the adjournment debate, and I wonder whether there could be a discussion rather than a decision at this point on the possibility of using the private members hour on Friday or finding some other appropriate time so that we might dip into this backlog of questions, and so that the questions members wish to deal with on the late show can be put on a more up to date basis.

Mr. Speaker: The suggestion made by the hon. member is a very valuable one inasmuch as it is embarrassing for the Chair to suggest that questions may be discussed at the time of adjournment because of the backlog that has accumulated. Perhaps the Chair might take the initiative in communicating with hon. members in an effort to find a way to solve that problem.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CRIMINAL CODE**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, May 13, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner that Bill C-150, to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, be read the third time and do pass, and the amendment of Mr. Matte.

[*Translation*]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we undertook a debate on the amendment moved by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte) to postpone the application of Bill C-150 for a six-month period.

We thought fit to bring forward this amendment for several reasons and we had the opportunity to explain them in this house. Several members of our group have spoken on this amendment, indicating the reasons why we wanted to delay the implementation of this legislation.

Since this debate began, we have been able to express our dissatisfaction regarding this