

**Mr. Wise:** A supplementary question, Madam Speaker. There is certainly no question about the seriousness of the situation or the action it warrants. I ask the minister to give me a commitment today that he will at least make a recommendation to his colleague, the Minister of Finance, to impose an appropriate surcharge on the importation of that particular product.

● (1500)

**Mr. Whelan:** Madam Speaker, we will be having further discussions later today, and from those discussions probably some recommendations will be made.

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## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, could I ask the government House leader what his intentions are for business for the balance of today, this week and into next week, as far as he can see.

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, as my hon. colleague knows, we will be dealing with the second reading stage of Bill C-30 today. Tomorrow in the following order we will study Bill S-2, an income tax convention bill which relates to many countries in the world, then Bill C-5, to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act and finally Bill S-6, to amend the Two-Price Wheat Act.

[Translation]

As for next week's business, as of Monday, and depending on the progress made in the House and in committees on other pieces of legislation, we should start consideration of an order relating to the establishment of a Ministry of State for Social Development placed under the responsibility of the Minister of Justice. We would then proceed to consideration of Bill C-22 to adjust the accounts of Canada, sponsored by the President of the Treasury Board and finally we hope to complete once and for all the Committee of the Whole stage of the employment tax credit bill and start second reading of the unemployment insurance bill sponsored by the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

[English]

**Mr. Knowles:** Madam Speaker, may I put a question to the President of the Privy Council that he has had from me before. On Monday of this week the Minister of Veterans Affairs, speaking at the dominion convention at the Royal Canadian Legion at Penticton, British Columbia, assured the members of the legion that he would soon be bringing in legislative measures with respect to veterans, and that he knew what had to be done. Can the President of the Privy Council underline that assurance and let us know whether the appropriate legislation will be before the House this month?

### Point of Order—Mr. Paproski

[Translation]

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, I want to confirm that the minister knew what he was talking about and that he was speaking the truth.

[English]

**Mr. McKenzie:** Madam Speaker, I rise with respect to the matter raised by the two House leaders. I would like to ask the government House leader whether the Minister of Veterans Affairs has discussed the veterans affairs legislation in cabinet, because he said in Penticton on June 9 that he will soon be discussing veterans affairs legislation with the cabinet. We find it very strange that this has not been discussed in cabinet since he has been the veterans affairs minister since March and he has all the information contained in Bill C-28 dealing with veterans affairs legislation and what is required. The hon. member for Victoria, the former defence minister and veterans affairs minister, left \$19 million in the estimates to deal with veterans affairs legislation.

Can the House leader inform us what is causing the delay and the problems within cabinet in bringing forward this veterans affairs legislation?

[Translation]

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, I wonder what delay the hon. member is referring to. Everything seems to be going smoothly. The minister has made public his position which indicates his interest in the matter. He is doing all he can to speed up the process. Everything is going normally. What he said during the convention the hon. member mentioned is true and I wonder what delay he is complaining about. There is no undue delay and every week the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, who has a proven interest in the matter, asks me the same question. I always give him the same assurances, as I did today. I am doing the same thing for the hon. member.

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[English]

## POINT OF ORDER

MR. PAPROSKI—LOTTERIES AGREEMENT WITH PROVINCES—  
ANSWER OF PRIME MINISTER DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North):** Madam Speaker, I am sorry that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has left the chamber because there was a particular question I wanted to ask him. It has to do with *Hansard* for June 11, 1980, when the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) asked a question in regard to lotteries. The Prime Minister answered the question as reported at page 1989 as follows:

Madam Speaker, I do not know if the minister has effectively asked that such a review be made. I would only remind the member for Joliette that a contract had been signed between Mrs. Campagnolo, the then minister responsible for lotteries, and the ten provinces.

I would like to bring to the attention of the Prime Minister that there was no agreement signed. The only agreement that