

translation of the supplementary question, or from the rapidity with which the hon. member asked it.

I should like to make it very clear that there is no plan to approach the provinces to share in any damage claims, as I indicated yesterday, because the corporation has not received any claims by wholesalers. I say that just to clarify the answer to that particular supplementary question.

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[Translation]

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, this being Thursday, I should like to put a question to the President of Privy Council (Mr. Baker) about the business of the House. Can he give us the order of business for tomorrow and next week? I should like to ask him to be as specific as possible to spare us asking the same question every day, which we unfortunately had to do all week.

[English]

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I will be as specific as I can, and in that specificity I will emulate the House leader of the opposition when he was in my position.

We will continue today with Bill C-10, which is the measure to revise the supplementary borrowing authority for the fiscal year 1979-80. When that is completed, and I hope that will be today, we will move to Bill C-4, continuing the debate on the bill with respect to the Federal Business Development Bank. Because it is a short bill, only one clause, following that we want to move to the Municipal Grants Act. We believe it is quite important to get that bill started, and I am sure that view is shared by the hon. member for Ottawa-Carleton.

Hopefully we can proceed tomorrow with the bill to amend the Breton Woods Agreement Act and the bill to revise the Bank Act. As hon. members know, the bill to amend the Bank Act has been the subject of extensive hearings before the parliamentary committee which has virtually concluded its deliberations, and we ought to have no difficulty in dealing with it. If there is any time left on Friday we will deal with a motion on the order paper in my name in respect of televising the proceedings of the committees of the House of Commons. I assume there is no disagreement in that regard, and if there is agreement I might call it earlier than late Friday.

Moving into next week, we will be dealing with the tax bills. We will be introducing the property tax credit bill the Prime Minister referred to in the course of the question period, and we will hopefully be dealing with the following bills, and I will give hon. members an extensive list so they will have them in mind: Bill C-2, respecting the Department of Labour, Manpower and Immigration; Bill C-7, regarding two-price wheat; Bill C-8, occupational training; Bill C-9, livestock feed assistance; and Bill C-12 dealing with the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act amendment. That will be followed by Bill

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C-13, a measure to adjust the accounts of Canada, and Bill C-15, relating to freedom of information. I understand there may be some disposition to deal with that quickly. We will then deal with C-16, an amendment to the Petroleum Administration Act. Bill C-17 we intend to introduce tomorrow; it is a bill respecting the commissioners of internal economy which was dealt with in the Speech from the Throne.

I wanted to give hon. members that extensive list so they will have these items in their minds. Our purpose, however, will be to begin the week with the tax bills that will be standing in the name of the Minister of Finance, as the Minister of Finance says it is important that these bills be dealt with before he can introduce his own budget.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Could the President of Privy Council indicate to us clearly whether he intends to proceed with the uninterrupted study of a bill until it is passed at the appropriate stage or whether he intends to shift from one bill to another, notifying us only the previous day? In other words, if we begin to consider Bill C-2 next Tuesday and do not complete second reading, are we going to continue with the study of that bill on Wednesday or is the President of Privy Council going to advise us at the last minute that there will be another bill to consider the following day?

[English]

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I will do my best to better the example of previous years with regard to that matter. I indicated the balance of the legislation for this week, and I clearly indicated that it was our intention to start with the tax bills next week. The Minister of Finance has indicated to the House the importance of completing those bills. It is my intention, to the extent that this is humanly possible, to stay with those bills until they are completed. I am as anxious as the Minister of Finance to clean up those things that have been hanging around since the budget of 1978.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, first may I ask the government House leader whether he can give a more precise answer than he gave me last Thursday in respect of the bills to amend various pieces of veterans legislation? They have been mentioned in the throne speech; the Minister of Veterans Affairs has told us they are coming and the President of Privy Council says they will be dealt with soon. Can he tell us when they will be on the order paper and how soon we might proceed with them?

The other comment I wish to make, and I do this with all the friendship and goodwill there is between us as Commanche Drive neighbours, is that I hope he will really stay with the proposal that he has just announced to proceed with certain legislation.

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We have been told several times that once we got through various pieces of legislation we would go to the tax bills, but each time the tax bills are put off and something is put in their