

Bay-Atikokan. The company had acquired, at Dryden, a mill which poisoned the English River system with mercury emissions. The question of compensation for the White Dog Indian Band has been a matter of controversy in northwestern Ontario for years.

In the absence of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, will the Minister of the Environment ensure that Great Lakes Forest Products, which has been holding back on making compensation, will do so forthwith before any of its funds leave the country for investment in the United States?

[Translation]

**Hon. Suzanne Blais-Grenier (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I shall take the Hon. Member's question as noticed I shall reply as soon as possible, after consulting with my colleague who is responsible for Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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[English]

#### CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions, with the exception of two, presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, November 28, 1984 meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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**Mr. Speaker:** The petitions presented by the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria) do not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose to my distinguished colleague the usual question posed on Thursdays about the business of the House for next week.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of State (Government House Leader)):** Mr. Speaker, after that comment I am almost prepared to say that anything the Liberals want they can have, but I will not go that far.

We have had the usual amicable discussions between House Leaders. I have indicated to them our intentions with respect to House business of which I would now like to advise the House. There will be a change in the business this afternoon. After Routine Proceedings, we will proceed with the consider-

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ation in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-7, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act and related statutes. If debate on Bill C-7 is concluded, we will then move to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-9, an Act to amend the Customs Act and the Customs Tariff. Should consideration of Bill C-9 be completed, we will then return to consideration at second reading of Bill C-11, an Act to provide borrowing authority.

Tomorrow the order of business will be the same, Bill C-7, Bill C-9 and Bill C-11 at whatever stage they are then at.

I want on this occasion to designate this coming Monday as the fourth allotted day in the current supply period.

On Tuesday the first order of business, due to a great deal of public demand, will be Bill C-6, an Act to amend the Saltfish Act. It is my understanding that there is agreement among the parties to deal with this Bill at all stages in the House on Tuesday. If the Saltfish Bill is passed before the end of the day, we will return to the consideration of Bills C-7, C-9 and C-11, in that order.

On Wednesday the order of business will be the following: Bill C-7, if not previously disposed of, followed by Bill C-9, followed by Bill C-11. If the Bills that I have enumerated have been disposed of, the House will at that stage commence consideration of Bill C-12, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act.

We will observe the progress of the House with respect to the legislation that I have enumerated. It is always subject to a change in the order of business, depending on the progress and circumstances.

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, the Government House Leader indicated the intention to return to Bill C-11 upon the completion of Bills C-7 and C-9. As the Government House Leader knows, my colleague from Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis) moved an amendment yesterday. In an effort to expedite the passage of that legislation and other legislation, I would like to ask if it might be possible to arrange for some meetings between my colleague and the appropriate finance personnel to discuss the possibility of reaching a compromise on the amendment that we offered yesterday for the consideration of the House.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, we are very much interested in discussing the matter and seeing what proposals the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis) has on behalf of his Party, as we will be glad to consult with the appropriate spokesperson for the Official Opposition. We will be prepared to enter into discussions to see whether we can expedite the affairs of the House of Commons at any time.

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker, in an effort not to hold up the passage of that or any other legislation, would it be possible for the Government House Leader to make an effort to have those discussions take place prior to the calling of the Bill for further second reading debate? It may be possible in the intervening time to come to some understanding and to eliminate a lengthy debate.