

to be taken into consideration as well. I thought that, for all these reasons, and some others, the CTC procedure should go on.

Mr. Hovdebo: That was a very good answer, except the Minister did not take into account the fourth point, that there was no indication of how much they would receive for operations.

QUERY RESPECTING POSSIBLE INTERIM PAYMENTS TO RAILWAYS

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Madam Speaker, the Gilson report on which the Minister bases so many hopes is not law. The Deputy Minister of Transport right now is stating that he is engaged in preliminary negotiations for "interim payments" for the Crow benefit which railways will receive. Where did the Minister find the authority or authorization for spending to make such interim payments in advance of any kind of legislation referring to these payments?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, there is a difference between studying and spending. No interim payments are being made now on the basis of the future policy in this regard. If there should be interim payments paid to railways, they will be part of the package which the Government will bring forward to the House at the time the bill is introduced.

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INDUSTRY

INDUSTRIAL AND LABOUR ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—INQUIRY WHETHER ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE GRANTED AND NEW ZONES DESIGNATED

Mr. Claude Tessier (Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance, in his capacity of Chairman of the Cabinet committee responsible for the Industrial and Labour Adjustment Program. Can the Minister inform the House whether the Government still intends to maintain the Program and to commit additional funds, and also whether the Government will be announcing new designated areas in the new future?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, I can inform the Hon. Member that the Government intends to maintain the Program in question. As far as additional funds are concerned, that is a matter I shall be looking into when preparing the estimates for fiscal year 1983-84. Finally, I can inform the hon. member that our committee is, in fact, proceeding with consideration of a number of applications from various areas for this program, to see whether they comply with program criteria.

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Business of the House

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, may I ask the Government House Leader a question concerning House business. Last Thursday he laid out the House business for the remainder of this week. It included Bill C-134, the interest rebates on farm loans on which we will commence debate today. Tomorrow is to be an Opposition day. That is as far as we got. The Government House Leader also said that debate on Bill C-136 will follow Bill C-134 and following Bill C-136 we will debate Bill C-135. Will that be the order of business followed next week? If so, what comes after Bill C-135?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, it is correct to say that today we will commence second reading of Bill C-134 concerning rebates of interest on farm loans. This will be followed by Bill C-136 which concerns grants respecting interest for small business and Bill C-135 concerning grants to home owners. Tomorrow is an Opposition day. That confirms the business for the rest of this week.

[Translation]

As far as the business of the House for next week is concerned, on Monday and Tuesday we shall continue debate on Bill C-134, respecting rebates of interest on farm loans, Bill C-136 which is aimed at assisting small businesses with interest payments, and finally, Bill C-135, which provides assistance for home owners. Thus, next Monday and Tuesday, depending on this week's progress with consideration of these bills, we shall continue consideration of the bills in the order mentioned. Next Wednesday, again depending on our progress with Bill C-134, Bill C-136 and Bill C-135, we may decide to consider two bills which, for technical reasons and also because of Canada's international commitments, are extremely urgent, and I am referring to Bill C-129 regarding the Bretton Woods Agreements and Bill C-130, which concerns continuing financial assistance to be provided to certain international financial institutions. Thus, at the end of the day on Monday or Tuesday, I shall be in a better position to inform Opposition Members whether we are going to consider Bill C-129 and Bill C-130 or continue debate on the bills arising from the budget to which I referred earlier.

Madam Speaker, I also wish to remind the House that we will not be sitting on either Friday or Thursday—Remembrance Day—next week, and that Monday and Tuesday we shall be sitting from six to eight to make up the time that will be lost next week Friday.