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respect to fishing inside the Canadian zone. I would also tell the Member that under—

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FRENCH AND BRITISH LICENCES

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, the Minister should know that, before the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans left to meet with the EEC, he issued another licence, this time to the French fleet. They started fishing today in the same zone, and under the same quota. The U.K. has applied for a licence and it has been told that a licence will be granted. Where is the strong position which this Government is taking? Or does it have a magic formula to multiply the fishes, something which has not been done in 2,000 years?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, as a fellow Newfoundlander I am proud of that dramatic performance. Erle Stanley Gardner would have been proud of you, lad.

The United Kingdom and France have quotas remaining which total 1,530 tonnes. The United Kingdom is not Germany. France is not Germany, unless something has happened lately and they have amalgamated. Therefore, we will have to deal with the Federal Republic of Germany and hold it responsible for its actions.

When it comes to negotiating European quotas, we will certainly keep that in mind.

CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions, with the exception of one, presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, May 8, 1985, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

The petition which was presented by the Hon. Member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre) does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Government House Leader the customary question about the business which he is proposing for the coming week.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member will know, I have been attempt-

ing to sit down and identify what items of business we can make progress on. There have been certain discussions and, I understand, undertakings with respect to progress. We were a bit disappointed yesterday that we did not get as far as I had been led to believe. I think we will continue with those discussions. There are still some matters which I must discuss with my colleagues.

We have a requirement to deal with a number of Allotted Days to give the opposition Parties an opportunity to consider and put forward resolutions which may be on their collective minds. For the present time, and until further notice, I would designate Monday as an Allotted Day. I will bring the business for the rest of the week to the attention of the House at the earliest possible date, once we have been able to obtain a clear understanding of our ability to make progress.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION OF SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the second report of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, in both official languages.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

WAYS AND MEANS

TABLING OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 64(1), I am honoured to table a Notice of Ways and Means Motion to amend the Income Tax Act.

[Translation]

PETITIONS

SPOUSE'S ALLOWANCE

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased at this point to table a petition that is very important to all Canadians. It is signed by a very important group, the Executive Committee of the Canadian Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Mr. Speaker, all the members of that group representing all Provinces of Canada, all regions and all walks of life are