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## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Pinard:** As regards the business for coming days, I welcome the suggestion made by the Hon. Member for Yukon that if Bill C-3 was to be called on Monday we might get through the report stage that day. I have sought a firm commitment but have not obtained it. Certainly what he says is not a firm commitment that we would get report stage completed by Monday evening. I do not have that commitment from the NDP either. Therefore, the business for tomorrow will be—

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, may I just interrupt before the President of the Privy Council gets too far along and say that the Government House Leader has that commitment. He will get his report stage on Monday.

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker, it is very likely that he will get the report stage of the health Bill on Monday.

**Mr. McDermid:** That sounds like a firm commitment, an NDP commitment.

**Mr. Deans:** I was not privy to this arrangement. If it is called on Monday, the report stage will be completed by five o'clock.

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, I thank both Opposition Parties for their firm commitment. We will take it for granted that report stage will be completed by five o'clock on Monday and we will call Bill C-3 only on Monday.

With respect to the business for tomorrow, we will start debating Bill C-24 dealing with Crown corporations. Next Tuesday we will resume debate, if necessary, on Bill C-21 and the back-up Bill in case we come to some arrangement will be Bill C-12, the Fiscal Arrangements Act, which is at report stage.

Next Wednesday will be the first allotted day of the new period of supply. The business for next Thursday will be resuming debate on what was under consideration at the end of the day on the previous Tuesday.

**Miss MacDonald:** Mr. Speaker, on several occasions my colleagues and I have been asking the Government House Leader when the Bill which will remove the discriminatory sections of the Indian Act will be introduced. We asked him this last week and at other times. The Prime Minister told us that it would be a priority but what we and many other people, particularly Indian women who have been disenfranchised, want to know is when?

**Mr. Pinard:** If that important matter had been raised by the House Leader of the Hon. Member's Party, I would have been able to give a firmer answer today.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**STATUTES OF CANADA**

## TABLING OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS TO CORRECT CERTAIN ANOMALIES

**Mr. Al MacBain (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) I am pleased to lay upon the Table of the House, in both official languages, a copy of the Government's proposals to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors and to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada.

● (1510)

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Justice, I wish to say that there have been consultations among the Justice critics. I believe that if you seek unanimous agreement to refer the draft Bill which I referred to previously to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, you will find that such consent exists.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I was distracted for a moment. I do not know what consent is being sought here. I have not been consulted on this. The Parliamentary Secretary might elaborate by way of explanation on what he is seeking to do.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice has tabled documents. I believe he has asked for unanimous consent to refer them to the Justice Committee.

**Mr. MacBain:** The Justice critics have been consulted.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for the documents that have been tabled to be referred to the Justice Committee?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is unanimous consent. It is so ordered.

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**PETITIONS**

## MR. CROSBY—MARITIME COMMAND UNIFORM

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West):** Mr. Speaker, may I present 500 separate petitions signed by Canadians in the federal constituency of Halifax West and other parts of Canada. In most cases there are two or more petitioners. The prayer offered in each petition is simple and clear. It is that the petitioners want the Parliament of Canada to restore the navy blue uniform to Maritime Command, which is Canada's navy.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!