

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, we are now going into the 14th day of debate on Bill C-150 and I hope all hon. members will agree to reach an end to that debate as soon as possible so that we can get on with further business.

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Would the Government House Leader give an assurance to the house that upon completion of the Criminal Code amendments bill the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications would be brought into the house for debate?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, at the current rate of progress on the Criminal Code bill I cannot give an assurance that we will ever get finished with it.

HOUSING

THOMPSON, MAN.—AVAILABILITY OF MORTGAGE MONEY

Hon. James Richardson (Acting Minister of Housing): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet might I say that I have checked with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation concerning the question asked me by the hon. member for Churchill. I cannot give him much more information than I could have had I been briefed before the question period, but C.M.H.C. advises that the application in Thompson to which he referred is under consideration but has not yet been approved.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

WOODS REPORT—REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION BY STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has he received representations from yet another veterans organization, in this case the War Amputations of Canada, complaining about or protesting the length of time in getting the Woods Commission report before the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. This morning I received a brief and a covering letter from the War amputees, and I do agree with what the President of the War Amputations of Canada had to say in the covering letter, *Padré Lambert*, who is a very highly respected veteran. In his letter he said this:

We do not urge that the government should attempt to rush the preparation of the white paper.

Income Tax Act

The importance of this document justifies that sufficient time be taken to ensure its excellence.

I agree with that.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Did *Padré Lambert* not also state in that letter that the Woods report should be referred to the committee without waiting for the white paper?

Mr. Dubé: Yes, he did. But we believe that it would be an advantage to the veterans associations to appear before the committee with the full knowledge of the government's policy as it will be expressed in the white paper, otherwise they will have to appear twice, once to confirm their support of the Woods report, about which we already know, and again to express their views on the white paper. We believe they should appear only once.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): When will that be?

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance) moved:

That a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act, laid upon the table, Monday, April 28, 1969, be now concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On division.

Motion to concur agreed to.

Mr. Benson thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill C-191, to amend the Income Tax Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might indicate for the benefit of hon. members that it will not be the government's intention to call this bill for debate before Monday, May 12, barring contingency in the meanwhile, to give hon. members of the house and various professionals the opportunity to examine this proposed legislation.

An hon. Member: Another month will not mean much, as this has had six months already.