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Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the President of the Privy Council what the business is for the balance of this week and next week.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, it is the intention to continue today with the Canada water bill which was commenced yesterday. That business will be followed by the four bills with respect to financial institutions.

In more detail they are government order 44, Bill S-8, with regard to trust companies; government order 45, Bill S-9, with regard to loan companies; government order 42, Bill S-6, with regard to the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, and government order 43, Bill S-7, with regard to the Foreign Insurance Companies Act. I might say in that regard that there has been some discussion about the possibility of making a special order so that these four bills, which all concern a similar subject matter, might be treated as a package.

The next three bills will be with regard to fisheries. They are government order 17, Bill C-133, with regard to the Deep Sea Fisheries Act; government order 18, Bill C-134, with regard to the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act, and government order 56, Bill C-175, with regard to the Canadian Saltfish Corporation.

Whatever the outcome of this particular business, Tuesday of next week will be an allotted day under the auspices of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Aiken: Could I ask the minister whether it is the intention of the government to carry the second reading of the water bill through to conclusion before proceeding with other matters?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): It is difficult to predict, Mr. Speaker, since it has not been possible to make any arrangements to allocate time for the second reading debate of that bill. That will depend very much on the circumstances that develop.

Mr. MacInnis: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the question time of members of this House. I call Your Honour's attention to the fact that earlier in the question period there were quite a number of questions which had to be repeated for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources because he was late arriving. I do

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not think hon. members should have to sacrifice their time for a minister who is on today's roster and cannot get to work on time.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Without going into the matter, the hon. member will recognize that I mentioned that a few additional minutes were added.

Mr. MacInnis: We wasted five.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we wasted five and added three so we may be short two minutes. I might take that into account tomorrow.

Mr. Greene: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, it is sometimes better to be late and be of some use than to be here on time and be of no use.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**WATER RESOURCES****PROVISION FOR MANAGEMENT INCLUDING RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS**

The House resumed from Wednesday, January 14, consideration of the motion of Mr. Greene that Bill C-144, to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, and of the amendment moved by Mr. Comeau (page 2411.).

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker: On adjournment last evening, I think that the hon. member for South Western Nova (Mr. Comeau) had moved an amendment to the motion for second reading of the bill before us, and some hon. members had indicated their intention to object to that amendment, which seemed contrary to Standing Orders. If the hon. members wish at this time, to put forward arguments either for or against the amendment on procedural grounds, I would be glad to hear them before making a ruling.

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Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I wish to say a few words with respect to the admissibility of an amendment in this form.