

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): The minister is almost inviting the House and the committee to delay that legislation until we get that information. Surely that is not the best way to hasten the passage of legislation through the House and the committee.

Mr. MacEachen: No, Mr. Speaker. I think the question raised by the hon. member is quite germane to the over-all project. However, there are a number of stages. There is second reading, there will be very detailed study in the committee, and it seems to me that these stages could easily proceed in the absence of the decision to which the hon. member refers.

Some hon. Members: Come on!

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) should at least recognize that since parliament has resumed its sittings after the Christmas and New Year recess, work has progressed in a rather efficient way. Several bills have been adopted rather rapidly, and I might even say that the government has been in one instance caught by surprise when debate on a certain bill had ended, and that the bell has stolen two hours of our time that could have been spent on something else.

I would like to ask the President of Privy Council if he has provided for the number of the so-called opposition days up until the Easter recess, and also if he could tell us when those opposition days would be held; this would make it easier for us to co-operate with the government for the adoption of other bills the government regards as having priority, for as far as we are concerned, I have always said and I repeat that we are always ready to make it easier for the government to get its bills adopted first, while other private members' bills or motions should come in second. I am, for my part, prepared to accept that provided we know the government's proposed timetable until the Easter recess.

[English]

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I do have a list of suggested dates for the remaining opposition days. I do not have it with me, but I will be glad to circulate the suggested dates as a planning aid for all of us. It will probably be followed, but occasionally dates have to be changed for one reason or another.

● (1522)

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I understood the Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) correctly. It had certainly been my understanding, prior to the previous session, that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) had indicated that the regulations in the Immigration Act were of such importance that they would be reviewed by the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration. I think it is important that this be borne in mind, and I would ask the minister whether that is still the intention of the government.

Order Paper Questions

I think the Minister of Employment and Immigration indicated in the House today that it was the intention of the government to have the statutory regulations reviewed, but I think he put in a condition about this matter going through with some degree of promptness. I may say that our party has discussed the regulations and the act in great detail, and would certainly not be disposed to ignore a proper study of the regulations, but to make the discussion of them reasonably brief, and certainly not act in a delaying manner. We are anxious to see the bill passed. I think the date set was April 1.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his assurance that if this matter is to be reviewed it will be done quickly. I shall discuss the matter with the Minister of Employment and Immigration and attempt to get back to the hon. member quickly on what can be done.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 742, 816, 912 and 938.

[Text]

VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO CANADA

Question No. 742—**Mr. Howie:**

Are any plans underway to invite U.S. President Carter to visit Canada?

Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): During his visit to Washington in February, the Prime Minister personally invited President Carter to visit Canada. The President accepted in principle but the dates for such a visit have not been set.

1977 GREY CUP

Question No. 816—**Mr. Howie:**

What amount was spent by the Ministry of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport on the 1977 Grey Cup pre-game and half-time shows?

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): In so far as the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport is concerned: \$60,000.

DREE ASSISTANCE TO THE BRICKLIN CAR DEVELOPMENT, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Question No. 912—**Mr. Howie:**

Did DREE grant, loan or guarantee any loans in respect of the Bricklin car development at Saint John, New Brunswick and, if so, in what amount?

Mr. Donald Wood (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The reply for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: The Depart-