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## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Deputy Government House Leader to give us a statement of the business that the Government intends to put before the House for the coming week.

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)):** Mr. Speaker, today we will proceed to deal with the Bills that are on the *Projected Order of Business* as much as possible. The first Bill that we are going to deal with is Bill C-58. We will need unanimous consent in order to proceed with report stage and third reading of this particular Bill. We will then move to Bill C-61, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Food and Drugs Act, at report stage and third reading. Then, Bill C-124, an Act to amend the Canada Labour Code, report stage and third reading. It will be followed by Bill C-75, report stage. That is the Act to implement an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia on offshore petroleum. Then we move to report stage of Bill C-122, followed by report stage of Bill C-129.

Mr. Speaker, the comments that I am going to make *vis-à-vis* report stage and third reading should apply to all Bills at all stages, and that is that obviously we can only move to third reading of a Bill with consent, where it is easy for it to be given. Naturally we would like to do third reading, but in the event that it is not possible to do third reading the same day, we will move it on and try to find a time which is convenient to the opposition spokespersons and the Government.

Tomorrow we will proceed with any of those Bills which have just mentioned which are not completed. In addition, I believe there has been some discussion with the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Clark), and their respective spokespersons *vis-à-vis* Bill C-92 at report stage, Bill C-132 at second reading and Bill C-112. I believe those discussions have taken place and that we will move those measures forward.

● (1510)

If it is at all possible, we would like at least to get started on the Government's reply to the Senate's amendments to Bill C-84.

On Monday morning, it is our intention to call Motion No. 25, the abortion motion, for procedural debate only in order to determine whether or not the motion as put on the Order Paper is procedurally correct. As soon as the procedural arguments have been made, we would then adjourn that matter to allow the Chair an opportunity to decide on it.

We would then move to report stage and third reading of Bill C-93, the multiculturalism Bill, followed by Bill C-82, which is the lobbyists' registration Bill. Obviously, we would also complete the proceedings on the reply to Bill C-84.

There is a Bill that has been sent to us from the Senate, Bill S-17, regarding a trust company. I understand that consideration on it will take place on Monday at a time which is convenient to the spokesperson for the Liberal Party who has some questions which he wishes to ask of the Minister of State for Finance (Mr. Hockin).

That brings us to Tuesday morning when we will call Bill C-126, the Bretton Woods Bill, for report stage and third reading, and Bill C-110, the trade tribunal Bill for report stage and third reading.

I would also point out that we have had a request from our colleagues in the Liberal Party to recess the House on Tuesday at 6 p.m. We find that to be appropriate. Thus we will be moving a motion in that respect on either Monday or Tuesday.

I would point out that this schedule may sound like a reasonably heavy one, but it has been put together in the interests of getting us out of here. It has been put together with the assistance of the opposition spokespersons in order to meet the convenience of as many people being here at the appropriate time as possible.

**Mr. Cassidy:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order with respect to the House business. I would like to inquire of the Government House Leader whether there have been some discussions and whether the Government is now prepared to take Bill C-273, which is the Bill put forward by the Hon. Member for Ottawa West (Mr. Daubney) regarding political rights, and turn it into a government order in order that this Bill may be expedited and may go to the Senate, and in order that the campaign promise of the last election made by not just my Party but by his Party with respect to granting political rights to people working for the Government of Canada may in fact be implemented. I say that particularly in light of the fact that the Bill as it has been adopted and redrafted by the legislative committee in large measure conforms to the promises which were made by the Progressive Conservatives during the last election campaign. In addition, it is acceptable to the other two Parties.

Given that there is a willingness on the part of the other two caucuses to see this go through with a minimum amount of House time, is the Government prepared to bring it up as a government order and see it expedited rather than continue to drag it back and possibly not get it up before the next election?

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that my colleague opposite brought up the results of one of our election promises, that is, our promise with respect to parliamentary reform. As a result of parliamentary reform Private Members' Hour and Private Members' Business now mean something. My hon. colleague knows that the first Bill to pass all three stages was the Bill on tobacco presented by his colleague, the Hon. Member for Broadview—Greenwood (Ms. McDonald). We did as a House and as a Government implement parliamentary reform to allow for Private Members' Business to mean something.