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proposals, which I made on behalf of the Western Five and which have been accepted by South Africa, answered the second part of the question.

The proposals did in fact call for the withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia or South West Africa down to a total of 1500. The prior situation with regard to withdrawal being conditional on the Cubans' presence in Angola is therefore not now in play, given the precise meaning of the hon. member's question.

On the second point, with regard to Cuban troops in Angola or any foreign troops in that part of Africa, we have, as Canadians and as members of the Contact Group, indicated our concern over this continuing foreign presence and have made direct representations to the Cubans urging them to withdraw from their involvement in Africa.

On the third part of the question, just briefly, while South Africa has accepted the proposal of the Western Five as detailed by me before the United Nations, SWAPO—the South West Africa People's Organization—has not accepted it to date. But as of yesterday or the day before SWAPO has asked for a further meeting to clarify certain points made in the proposals.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the government House leader his legislative intentions for the balance of this week and for next week.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Justice has indicated, we will be considering Bill C-42, language of trial, today, followed by Bill C-17, the CNR recapitalization; C-39, currency and exchange; C-6, the ports legislation; C-43, relating to the ombudsman, and I should like to designate May 11 as an allotted day. I suggest it may be possible to arrange that we deal with Bill C-39 on Monday to meet the convenience of the minister and the hon. member opposite.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, Bill S-9 was on a previous list. May I inquire what happened to it?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, it is still on my list but it is at a later stage. It is a bill dealing with tax conventions, which I will call later.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. LAWRENCE—INCORRECT PARTY AFFILIATION IN DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I have just been handed a publication which is currently being distributed by

[Mr. Jamieson.]

the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. This document unfairly reflects upon me; it attacks my integrity; it attacks the very root of what some of us stand for, but I am not sure that the House can do very much about it. I want you to know that this type of material is being distributed by this department. I resent it deeply as I think it is prejudicial to my interests. In it I am described as a Liberal member of parliament.

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MR. MCCAIN—COMMENT BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I do not believe it was intentional on the part of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), but I believe it should be brought to his attention that my remarks emphasized what was being done in the west and perhaps gave him a little political credit, they emphasized what was being done in the St. Lawrence River area and from Quebec to Windsor in the transportation system, and also emphasized the total lack of attention being paid to Atlantic Canada and its transportation requirements as well as the disparities in attention and accomplishments in that field, but at no time did I say that too much had been spent on transportation in western Canada as the minister implied.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, in regard to the hon. member's desire not to have expenditures in the west, the record will speak for itself. I think the hon. member should be fairly corrected in his references to the Atlantic. He referred to a couple of trips I made to the Atlantic region recently. They involved improvements to several harbours, the introduction of a new ferry service, the signing of \$100 million worth of highway agreements, about \$21 million worth of airport improvements, and many more things, for which the Atlantic region is very grateful.

Mr. McCain: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will realize that there is no procedure whereby I can give him the floor a second time on the same question. He has raised this matter by way of a question of privilege. He knows what he raised was a disagreement with the minister. The minister has continued the disagreement, but nevertheless it is not a question of privilege; it is a disagreement.

Mr. McCain: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I think the remarks of the minister merely amplify the position I have taken. He has now approached what might be termed as deliberate misleading of this House by his remarks in respect of my question of privilege and my earlier remarks in this House. I think—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain) is obviously continuing what is essentially a disagreement and not a question of privilege, which