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I had discussed informally with the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre the probability that there would be a supply motion next week. I had no discussion, however, to that effect with the hon. member for Laurier, because it was in the future; but these are the things which happen when we have to try to arrange the business among the representatives of the various parties. Nobody has been guilty of any bad faith; there was simply that discussion with the hon. member, and I do not doubt that he did not pass it on to the leader of his party. There was not intended to be any firm commitment as to what the actual business would be.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I was not suggesting for one moment that there was any bad faith on the part of anyone. The statement I was making was this, that if we could be informed from time to time in this house of what the business is going to be for two or three days or even for a week ahead, as was done under the previous administration, it would facilitate the business of the house.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Nowlan:** You are further ahead than we ever were.

**Mr. Chevrier:** You should not be talking so loudly; keep your patience.

**Mr. Green:** I was in opposition for 22 years—

**Mr. Lesage:** Yes, and you are going back very soon.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I am afraid you are.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I must ask hon. members not to engage in a debate as to what has happened in the past. Does the house leader wish to make any statement at this time about the proposed business for Monday, or shall we proceed to other matters?

**Mr. Green:** What I really wish to raise is a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. Allegations have been made from time to time that the official opposition is not being given as much notice as it should be given with respect to business. I would merely point out that it is being given far more notice this year than we were ever given while we were in opposition.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I think we have some indication, Mr. Speaker, of the co-operation we are getting when the house leader himself says that he discussed the business for Monday with one of the party leaders in the house, but that he said nothing to me. That is conclusive evidence of the manner in which we

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on this side of the house are being treated. Last night the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill)—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I would like to raise a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope it is not the question of privilege which is now occupying the house.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** No. My question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, relates to the reference which was made to me by the Minister of Public Works. The difference between us as to what transpired is not great, but I think it should be made clear as to what actually transpired.

The minister said he had a discussion with me as to the probability or possibility of a supply motion next week. I think he will agree, and I have checked with one or two of my colleagues who overheard the discussion—because the minister sat over here when we had it—that what the minister made clear to me was that there would not be a supply motion this week and thus there would not be one earlier than next week, but at no time did he say that there would definitely be one next week. It was on that basis that I indicated to my colleagues that as yet we did not know for sure whether there would be a supply motion next week.

**Mr. Chevrier:** It is a bit mixed up.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I think the Minister of Finance has been confused by press rumours to that effect.

**PUBLIC SERVICE****INQUIRY AS TO COMPLAINTS RESPECTING  
DISCHARGE OF CIVIL SERVANTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, once again I venture where some angels would fear to tread by asking a very simple question of our charming lady minister. Can the Secretary of State inform the house of the number of complaints she has received concerning the alleged irregular discharge of any permanent civil servants or permanent employees of various agencies of government, since the unfortunate severance aberration that occurred in her department?

**Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is none.