

Inquiries of the Ministry

chairmanship of the commissioner of the national film board to study the possible development of a feature film industry in Canada. I will send the association's brief to this committee for their attention. The government will have no further plans or policy to announce on this subject until we receive the report of that committee.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

STATEMENT ON PRIORITY OF BUSINESS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday of this week, as reported at page 260 of *Hansard*, the Prime Minister answered a question of mine by saying that by Friday he hoped to indicate the priority of government business for next week. In the absence of the Prime Minister I wonder whether the Acting Prime Minister or the house leader can give us this list of business.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): If the house pleases, Mr. Speaker, I am ready to do that now. Beginning Tuesday next the first order of business we propose to deal with is the resolution referring the Columbia river treaty and protocol to the standing committee on external affairs. We will then proceed with the government's motion to set up the special committee on procedure; then the motion of the government to set up the special committee on defence, the motion of the government to set up the special committee on food and drugs, we will then take the proceedings to establish the joint committee on consumer credit.

After that we will be proceeding with the electoral boundaries readjustment bill, following which we will take the resolution introducing a measure to amend the Judges Act and the Exchequer Court Act to authorize the appointment of one additional judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada; that is, to authorize a judge of the exchequer court to discharge the duties of the commissioner of divorce. Then we will proceed with the resolution preceding the bill providing for the Canada pension plan, following which we will be taking the resolution to introduce the measure to provide for the payment of certain provincial taxes and fees by crown corporations.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question?

May I ask the leader of the house whether, before the pension plan is introduced, a copy of the bill on the same subject to be introduced in the Quebec legislature could be

[Mr. Lamontagne.]

made available to members of the house? The present government should either wait until the Quebec government introduces its bill, or the leader of the house could ask for a copy so that hon. members may study it.

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, the normal procedure will be followed. The government intends to avoid any unnecessary delay in the introduction of the resolution concerning the Canada pension plan.

[Later:]

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice, in his capacity as leader of the house. Inasmuch as two bills will be presented with respect to pension plans, one by the Quebec government and the other by the federal government, besides perhaps another, can the leader of the house, in order to facilitate the work of the 75 members from Quebec give us the assurance that we will have the opportunity of seeing both measures, before the federal bill is put before this house?

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, of course we have not seen the text of the Quebec pension plan which, I understand, has not been tabled as yet; so at least one part of the question of the hon. member for Lapointe might be directed to those who are responsible for the activities of another government, instead of to me.

However, insofar as we may be able to obtain the text which contains the provisions of the Quebec pension plan, we will do so, but, I repeat, the government intends to proceed with all appropriate consultations, but without undue delay.

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a supplementary question to the house leader. Could the hon. gentleman take the necessary steps with the Quebec provincial government to facilitate the task of the 75 members from Quebec in the house?

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think this question is in order.

[Later:]

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Justice in his capacity as leader of the house. In view of his announcement this morning that the special committee on defence is to be reappointed, may I ask the hon. gentleman if it is the government's intention, in connection with the resolution to reappoint the committee, that the recommendation contained in the interim report