

public bills which are the subject of pornography and obscenity, and sending the subject matter of such bills to committee. If there is consent, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That Bills C-206, C-207, C-241, C-318, C-325, C-348, C-399, C-400 and C-402 be discharged and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Paproski: That is so agreed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We also agree to this motion.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I suggest that unanimous consent be sought the next time we talk about public bills, likely next Tuesday, when we shall probably be able to give our consent, but I cannot make any commitment today since I have not been consulted on this matter.

● (1602)

[English]

Mr. Blaker: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might also raise a point in this connection. If the parliamentary secretary to the House leader intends to seek consent to move this bill on Tuesday I should point out that it is my understanding there is another bill on the same subject which unfortunately has not reached the printing stage. I regret that this information was just given me a few minutes ago, but I think I might draw that to the attention of the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Reid), so that probably this one might be bundled in with the others that may come forward on Tuesday as well.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There has been no unanimous consent so I cannot put the motion.

Mr. Peters: There may not be on Tuesday either.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Before calling the order under private members' business I should remind hon. members that last Monday at the beginning of private members' hour, following a point of order that had been raised the previous week by the hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert), I opened the door for a procedural debate to take place at this time or, what I had in mind, the next time the motion would be before us under private members' business, and it is at this time that I intended to invite hon. members' comments. However, I notice that the hon. member concerned, the hon. member for Vaudreuil, is not in the House, and with the House leader for the official opposition not being here at this time, I am wondering whether we should proceed with this important procedural debate which I think might have an

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implication in respect of the operation of private members' hour. I would invite the comment of hon. members representing the parties.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest it would be prudent and wise for the House to follow the course suggested by Your Honour and to put this off until the hon. member who raised it in the first instance, as well as some other hon. members who have an interest, are here.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we will agree to such a postponement, and I hope this time the unanimity will not be spoiled from the government side.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I agree to the postponement, but I want to give notice to the Chair that I intend to take part in this debate and that I would like it to take place when I am present.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is the difficulty, actually, because I know that the hon. parliamentary secretary is to be absent Monday and the following Monday, and next Friday the present incumbent in the chair will not be available at four o'clock. In any event, perhaps hon. members can agree on another time that would be appropriate and available during private members' business in order that we might raise this question in the presence of all interested participants. In any case, I am sure hon. members will leave it to the Chair to take the initiative on the matter.

This brings us to another problem which is more or less related to the point of order we were discussing, and that is the order of business for today. The Chair is at the disposal of hon. members.

Mr. Paproski: On that point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think there has been a disposition to allow all other motions to stand, and that we commence this afternoon with motion No. 13, standing in the name of the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary (Mr. Whittaker), concerning the advisability of amending section 88 of the Railway Act.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, without prejudicing our right to discuss the matter at some arranged time, we think we should proceed as has been planned for today.

Mr. Paproski: Perhaps I should add that all other motions should stand at the request of the government.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in that sense I support the motion moved by the opposition member.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: To satisfy everyone and to protect the Chair, perhaps we could accept the suggestion of the government to let motions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13 stand and