

then call item No. 36, second reading of Bill S-15, with respect to amendments to the Food and Drugs Act and related statutes.

On Tuesday next we would call the first reading of the fisheries improvement loans bill, if that has not already been dealt with, and then the bill to amend the Veterans Land Act. That would be followed by item No. 33, second reading of Bill S-14, to amend the Aeronautics Act, and item No. 41, second reading of Bill S-19, to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act. Prior to the close of business on Tuesday and depending on the progress of the items already announced, I will be in a better position to indicate what the business will be on Wednesday. In any event I would propose on Thursday to call for second reading item No. 40, second reading of Bill C-150, the omnibus Criminal Code amendment bill.

With regard to the timing of business in committees I can advise the house that it is expected that the estimates for 1969-70 will be available for tabling by the end of this month. After consultation with the opposition parties we would propose to refer these to the standing committees by the middle of February. It would be desirable, therefore, for those standing committees which have legislative business before them to be in a position to complete their work by February 14 so that they may commence after that date their consideration of supply business. There will, of course, be exceptions to this general guideline as progress takes place.

Mr. Baldwin: Do I understand from the hon. gentleman that, irrespective of the progress made next week, on Thursday next it will be the intention of the government to call the item dealing with the omnibus Criminal Code bill, C-150? Do I understand that this will be called as the first item of government business next Thursday?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Subject to any unforeseen contingencies, that is correct.

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, in view of the urgency involved, would the hon. house leader consult with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce some time between now and next week to arrange for the introduction of the bill that is necessary in order that advances may be available for the drying of grain?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Discussions with regard to that measure are already in progress. I am not sure what the exact timing will be.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION

Hon. Otto E. Lang (for the Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved second reading and reference to the standing committee on fisheries and forestry of Bill C-148, to regulate interprovincial and export trade in freshwater fish and to establish the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation.

He said: Mr. Speaker, Bill C-148, to regulate interprovincial and export trade in freshwater fish and to establish the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, has had some discussion in the house. Indeed, it had the interesting honour of occupying the time of the house on the last occasion a resolution stage was debated before the change in the rules which eliminated that stage of debate. In my remarks, therefore, I will not repeat what was said about the proposed bill. I might point out, however, what are the general objectives and the principle involved.

In collaboration with the provincial governments the federal government's objective is to establish an effective marketing board for freshwater fish produced in the prairie provinces, the Northwest Territories and north-western Ontario. In order to accomplish this purpose a crown corporation with necessary powers to trade in fish and fish products is to be created. The corporation is desirable in order to serve the purpose of developing markets and sales for the production from these areas so that the corporation on its own account, where necessary or where it is deemed desirable, can join with private industry in developing the potential of this industry.

It is expected the corporation will operate jointly with private industry where private industry can fill an effective role with regard to processing and distribution. Through the intermediary of agents it is anticipated the corporation will purchase direct from the fishermen the catch in these areas and that it will then sell the resulting production. Though the powers given to it by this bill, it will be in control of the marketing of fish for export and for interprovincial trade. The commission will also have the power to obtain by consent from the provincial governments, and the government on behalf of the