

*Business of the House***POINTS OF ORDER**

MR. JARVIS (WILLOWDALE)—TAXES PAID BY SHELL CANADA LIMITED

Mr. Bob Jarvis (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order which arises from information put before the House. The hon. member for Outremont (Mr. Lalonde) alleged or stated in posing his question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Hnatyshyn) that Shell Oil Company of Canada did not pay taxes in 1978.

I would like to correct the record, Mr. Speaker. In 1978, in the case of current income taxes, no taxes were paid as a result of increased exploration and depletion of expenses. However, in the case of other forms of taxation, in 1978 Shell Oil paid other taxes of \$138 million and production royalties of \$205 million, for a total of \$343 million.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will realize that he has a matter of debate and not a point of order.

MR. McGRATH—FREEZER-TRAWLER LICENCES—CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS ANSWER

Hon. James A. McGrath (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. With your permission, I would like to correct an answer that I gave to the hon. member for South West Nova (Mr. Haliburton) in reply to his question on freezer-trawlers.

Subsequently on checking I find that I was incorrect. There were in fact 13 licences issued for freezer-trawlers by my predecessor in April of this year. Of these 13 licences, six were for unrestricted ground fishing. The hon. member was right, of course; two of these licences are held in the province of Nova Scotia.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, could I ask the traditional question as to the business for next week.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, today we will be continuing with Bill C-20, the property tax credit bill. Tomorrow is an allotted day, I believe in the name of the hon. gentleman's party. Next week we will be continuing the presentation and debate of Bill C-20. I would hope that the hon. gentleman and others in the House would consider the time that might be involved respecting that. Perhaps we could discuss getting the bill into committee where a detailed examination of the bill might be accomplished, and if there are amendments to be put, the amendments might be considered. That is the business for next week. There is an allotted day next Friday which again I am prepared to designate now.

So that the House will know, there have been some discussions among House leaders and others with respect to other

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pieces of legislation. First is the transportation of dangerous goods act. I understand there is a willingness in the House to deal with that bill rather quickly and to get the matter into committee. I would hope that I could have some indication that that is so. Perhaps we could discuss the actual method and time privately.

The other bill with which I think there is some agreement to proceed quickly concerns Bill C-4, an act to amend the Federal Business Development Bank Act. I believe there is an anxiety on all sides of the House that that short bill move forward.

I hope to be able to bring forward within a day or so the veterans' bill, which is of interest to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. I should tell him that a bill has been approved within the government. It is coming to the committee which I chair—the legislation house planning committee—to be reviewed. As soon as that review is completed and confirmed by cabinet, it will be placed on the order paper very quickly.

Quite frankly, I am anxious to have some arrangements with my friends with respect to consideration of the main estimates and the period of time which they wish to debate that matter. It is my hope that we will adjourn parliament for a Christmas recess of some length—I cannot advise the House at the moment as to what length—on December 21 at the latest. That is what I would hope will happen.

I might add that we seem to be moving toward an agreement by which we could have second reading of Bill C-15, the freedom of information act, completed prior to Christmas. There may be some hope that we could deal with the balance of Bill C-6, the spouse's allowance, in all stages tonight.

During question period I said I would be tabling tomorrow the paper on parliamentary reform which stands in my name. A motion will be placed on the order paper in that connection soon. I would certainly like the whole question of changes in the procedure of the House—not just my paper—to go to a committee so that we can look at reform in the House of Commons.

I am anxious to arrange a time, if we can, so that the four select committees on FIRA, voluntarism, cost overruns and rehabilitation can be set up for debate and so that Parliament can have its work cut out for it in the committees.

I think that indicates a reasonable and not unreasonable legislative program that we could complete between now and December 21. I hope at the meeting I will call for next week that we might be able to discuss those items, in terms of time.

While I am on my feet, I would be grateful if I could ask the government House leader and the opposition House leader—pardon me, not the opposition House leader but the New Democratic Party House leader—whether or not there is any disposition to deal with Bill C-6 this evening as we had discussed.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to deal with the spouse's allowance bill in all stages after eight o'clock. That has been agreed to, and we are prepared to proceed.