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ment in 1962. All those who otherwise qualify, and who have lived for at least one year in Canada since the war, are receiving their war veterans allowances.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair will recognize one last supplementary and then call orders of the day.

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, would the minister advise if he is prepared to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act to repeal the one-year residence rule for those veterans who are in the United Kingdom?

**Mr. Dubé:** Mr. Speaker, this Parliament has already considerably enriched war veterans allowances and disability pensions. What the next Parliament will do I do not know, but we are always heading in a more generous direction.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

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## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted to ask the government House leader about the business. In my anxiety about the breakdown of communications I forgot to ask the government House leader about the business he has for the House for the remainder of this week, next week and following.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, the business for tomorrow is fairly well known to hon. members but I should like to mention the remaining items on the order paper that I would like to have disposed of before we terminate this part of the session. These items are as follows: Bill S-9, which I understand will require a very short further discussion, Bill C-176, Bill C-260 and Bill C-261, the latter two being the budget bills emanating from the June budget. I should also mention that there will be a further budget bill arising from the so-called budget statement of the Minister of Finance in October, which will give effect to the tax changes that will take place in this calendar year, so that by proceeding in that way we will not run into the procedural difficulty that we might have encountered had we attempted to put in one single bill the total tax changes involving this year and next year. This is not necessarily the order in which I will call these items. I have already discussed with the House leaders opposite my wish to have the Northern Canada Power Commission bill and the Canadian Wheat Board bill, which are at the report stage, reinstated reasonably close to that stage or at that stage when we commence the new session.

The termination of this part of the session, Mr. Speaker, will depend upon the readiness of the House to deal with these items I have mentioned and also when we will have Royal Assent affecting these bills and particularly Bill C-259. I should say, to provide some reasonable certainty to members, that in the event we are still dealing with business on Thursday next at ten o'clock it would be my intention not to have the House sit the following day and to have transport arranged definitely for hon. members to travel to their respective constituencies with less difficulty

than may be expected at this time of year. But that is looking a bit farther ahead than may be necessary at the moment. However, I did want to mention it so that hon. members will be certain that in any such contingency it will be possible for them to be in their homes for Christmas.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, could the minister also indicate, within the reasonable limitations which he has mentioned, when we may expect to come back following our departure and whether he has heard from his parliamentary neighbour, after we do come back, how long we will stay before we depart for other adventures.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I regard the last question as being really a frivolous one and not really serious. I have some tentative dates I would like to put in a motion indicating when we would come back and when we would commence the new session, but I would like to have a word first with the House leaders on that point before putting it in the form of a motion or before announcing it in the House. I have no idea concerning what is going on in the other place—

**Mr. Bell:** There is a wake on there.

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

**Mr. MacEachen:** —but I hope they will follow their own lead.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, does it follow from what the President of the Privy Council has said that such business as the government wants through in this session it wants completed before we break, and that at that time it is to be simply an adjournment leaving prorogation until the day on which we return?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, I think that would be the intention for a number of reasons.

[Translation]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

I suggest we are "muzzled" by the sound system. When government members are talking, we can hear them, but whenever opposition members have the floor, we cannot hear a thing.

[English]

• (3:20 p.m.)

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****INCOME TAX ACT**

The House resumed, from Wednesday, December 15, consideration of the motion of Mr. Benson for the third reading of Bill C-259, to amend the Income Tax Act and to make certain provisions and alterations in the statute law related to or consequential upon the amendments to that act, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) (page 10464).