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have to advise the hon. member that the considerations involved in these two commodities are not the same.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE**POSSIBLE PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT BEFORE SUMMER RECESS**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): At the invitation of the Prime Minister, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. It is supplementary to earlier questions regarding the statement on defence policy and/or the white paper on foreign policy. Is the minister in a position to say if that statement is going to be made before the summer recess?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am sure I will not be able to resist the invitation, when I come back from the May meeting in Brussels, to make a statement to the house.

WATER RESOURCES**PLACENTIA BAY, NFLD.—COMPENSATION TO FISHERMEN FOR LOSS THROUGH POLLUTION**

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): My question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, however I notice neither he nor his parliamentary secretary is here. I hope the absence of the hon. member is not caused by having acquired a taste for red herring. Is the acting minister in a position to inform the house if a decision has been made to assist the fishermen of Placentia Bay and St. Marys Bay which have been affected by pollution?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the matter of the terms of the formula we might apply is under active consideration. As I assured the house earlier, there is a disposition to help these fishermen. For obvious reasons their inability to earn a living is beyond their control. As I am sure all hon. members will appreciate, it is difficult to find a formula to do this. I propose to meet with some of the fishermen during the weekend and hope we can come up with some of the answers at that time.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the acting minister whether yesterday's reports in the press and on TV regarding animal experimentation by the Food and Drug Directorate of the Depart-

[Mr. Olson.]

ment of National Health and Welfare, and other related matters connected with the Department of Fisheries, were precipitated by a public relations effort on the part of these departments.

Mr. Jamieson: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. He mentioned meetings to be held in Newfoundland during the weekend. In view of the Air Canada strike and my inability to get home to my constituents, would he consider taking me along with him?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I assume the question has been heard and will be considered.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**WEEKLY STATEMENT**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I assume the question period is over.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) on a point of order.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): My point of order relates to the business of the house. I am sure it was an oversight, but yesterday we were not given our usual Thursday statement concerning the business for the ensuing week. I wonder if we might be given this statement at this time by the Minister of Agriculture, in his capacity as acting house leader. I am assuming that the debate on Bill C-150 will not last much longer and we would like to know what will follow that business. In giving the order of business I hope the minister will bear in mind the desirability of our giving our attention first of all to matters such as housing, veterans affairs and various other important issues.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, it has been difficult to outline a program of the business that would be called in the ensuing days, because of the length of time that has been taken on Bill C-150. If the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is correct in his assumption that we are approaching the end of that debate and the disposal of all the stages of Bill C-150, then of course if that were to happen today we are prepared to call Bill C-157 which is item No. 43, then Bill C-153 in respect of the Historic