

mann Report? Has he presented it to cabinet for discussion, and, if so, when can we expect to see legislation giving effect to these recommendations?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): The recommendations are at present being studied in my department for presentation to the cabinet. This will take some time. I shall certainly proceed as rapidly as possible.

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AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED PENALTY OF ONE DOLLAR A BIRD UNDER EGG MARKETING REGULATION—INQUIRY AS TO LEGALITY

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Is the minister in a position today to report on the discussions which were held on Friday, June 20, in Ottawa regarding the issue which brought about the resignation of a member from the Ontario Egg Board, namely the legality of the penalty of one dollar a bird under the federal and provincial structure which, if implemented, could result in provincial boards obtaining funds from other sources to pay the penalty, thus becoming susceptible to law suits? Did the minister get a report from that group of lawyers and what was the nature of their opinion?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): If I got a report I have not had time to see it as yet but I am told that strictly, as far as they were concerned, this is under provincial jurisdiction and would be handled in that fashion. Some provinces have changed their laws to comply with the marketing regulations they have set up for themselves and I understand that this is true, or will be true, with regard to the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Jarvis: Has the minister considered seeking an opinion from his legal advisers in the federal government as to the legality of the payment of this particular penalty? If he has already done so, what was the opinion of the lawyers he consulted?

Mr. Whelan: I will consult the legal officers in my department and report to the hon. member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

REQUEST FOR OUTLINE OF LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I should like, with your permission, to ask the government House leader whether he can put on the record the government's intentions with respect to the legislative program between now and such date in the future when this House might be recessed.

Criminal Code

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could first of all list the bills we would like to see completed, or taken to various stages, before we recess.

Mr. Nowlan: This is known as parliamentary roulette.

Mr. Sharp: Bills C-8, C-2, C-57, C-50, C-53, C-63 and two bills which have not yet been introduced—an amendment to the Public Service Staff Relations Board Act which has been recommended by a standing committee, and one of the bills arising out of the budget, the Excise Tax bill. We would like all of these to be completed and given Royal Assent before we rise.

Some hon. Members: Oh!

An hon. Member: Tell us about the Christmas recess.

● (1500)

Mr. Sharp: The Unemployment Insurance Act amendments should be carried to completion of second reading.

Perhaps I might also indicate the order of priority. This evening we will call Bill C-8. If we happen to get through that today or in the extra hours tomorrow, we will go on with Bill C-50 and Bill C-63; but in any event, Bill C-8 will remain on the order paper until debate on it has concluded.

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[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Seventh report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT TO PROTECT LAID-UP REGIMENTAL COLOURS

Mr. C. Douglas (Bruce-Grey) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-397, to amend the Criminal Code (wilful destruction of laid-up colours).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Douglas (Bruce-Grey): Mr. Speaker, regimental colours and air force squadron standards still in use are well guarded on army and air force bases but "laid-up colours" are invariably displayed in public places. These colours, I believe, represent something very sacred, not only to those men and women who served under them but to all Canadians as part of our history. The purpose of this bill is to provide that it shall be an offence under the Criminal Code for any person wilfully to destroy or defile any laid-up colours in any public place in Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.