

## HOUSING

## SASKATCHEWAN—ACTION TO INCREASE STARTS

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Last Friday I directed a question to the minister in charge of housing. He did not hear the question and Your Honour indicated that he might take note of the question and reply at some other time. The question related to the fact that in 1969 there were 4,425 housing starts in Saskatchewan and only 993 in 1970. Will the minister give serious consideration to this situation?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, we are taking it under serious consideration. A few minutes ago I signed a letter with the details of the answer. It is now on the way to the hon. member's office.

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

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## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baldwin:** On a point of order, we know the business for this afternoon and Your Honour has fixed the business for tonight, but I wish to ask the Government House Leader what the business will be for tomorrow and the first few days of next week.

**Mr. Downey:** On a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. My understanding is that we are on a point of order. We can only have one point of order at a time. The hon. member for Peace River rose on a point of order. If it was not a point of order, the question could not be asked. The question period expired a moment ago. I assume that the question was raised on this basis and the minister might be allowed to reply.

**Mr. MacEachen:** As indicated, today we will deal with veterans legislation. This will be followed by the crop insurance bill and the income tax bill. The program will obviously be affected by the debate this evening. Tomorrow we will begin with the air quality bill, followed by the Canada-Jamaica taxation bill, the CNR financing bill and the statutory instruments bill. On Monday we will begin with the Canada Development Corporation. In the remaining days until Thursday, we will complete the Canada Development Corporation and any other uncompleted items mentioned for the previous days. On Thursday I would propose the business of supply. In connection with Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the government of Canada, I propose to have discussions with Opposition House Leaders to determine whether an agreement can be made as to the additional time required to complete consideration of this item of public business.

**Mr. McCleave:** On a point of order, I intend to present a motion on the report stage of the statutory instruments bill and I think this arrangement would preclude it from being discussed tomorrow. I call attention to this because

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## Pension Acts

apparently the President of the Privy Council has lost sight of the rules.

**Mr. Downey:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I find it has become increasingly difficult to be recognized during the question period.

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

**Mr. Downey:** I notice, and have noticed for some time, that it is not a matter of what the question is; it is who asks it. It is becoming increasingly evident of late that questioners are selected on the basis of how much trouble they can cause the Chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I invite the hon. member to resume his seat. He has no right to impugn the conduct of the Chair in this way. He can only do so in one manner, and that is by a substantive motion. I will not hear anything further on this point of order. Orders of the day.

• (3:00 p.m.)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

## PENSION ACT AND CIVILIAN WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES ACT

## PROVISION OF INCREASES IN BENEFITS

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-203, to amend the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs)** moved:

That Bill C-203, An Act to amend the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act be amended by

(a) adding thereto immediately after clause 34 on page 41 the following clause:

"35. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto the following Part:

## PART XIII

## PRISONERS OF WAR OF THE JAPANESE

76. In this Part, "prisoner of war of the Japanese" means

(a) a person described in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) of section 7, or

(b) a person described in section 17, who was during World War II a prisoner of war of the Japanese for a period of one year or more.

77. A pension in an amount equal to the pension payable for a disability assessed at fifty per cent shall, on application; be awarded in accordance with the rates set out in Schedule A to the *Pension Act* to or in respect of a person who was a prisoner of war of the Japanese and has any assessable disability.

78. A pension shall, on application, be awarded to any person to whom a pension could be awarded under Part III of the *Pension Act*, in respect of a person who was a prisoner of war of the Japanese and who died prior to the coming into force of