

*Oral Questions*

day. Be that as it may, I shall take note of the hon. member's suggestion since we are in permanent consultation, and I shall certainly take it under advisement.

● (1500)

[*English*]

**Mr. Halliday:** Madam Speaker, I asked his colleague, the Minister of Finance, a few months ago if he would bring this matter to their attention. Obviously they forgot it, or just ignored doing it.

PARTICIPATION OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES IN  
PLANNING CONFERENCE

**Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford):** Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In peacetime emergencies the government has indicated that it "recognizes and reaffirms that the initial responsibility for meeting emergencies normally rests with those directly affected". To this end, in part, the government sponsors courses on emergency planning at the Federal Study Centre in Arnprior. However, why does the government itself not seek important feedback from the private sector, from citizens who have been directly involved with peacetime emergencies and natural disasters?

At the recent conference last Friday on emergency planning, convened by the federal minister, why were those individuals, who have local experience in their own communities with natural disasters, not invited to attend? Finally, will the minister tell the House whether he will invite experienced private citizens to attend any future conferences on emergency planning?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, that conference was a first at the ministerial level and we considered it an important step toward a better planning of emergency measures in Canada. What the hon. member is suggesting surely makes sense. Should the individual and the private sector become more involved? I fully agree with his suggestion, and because they were not invited to attend the first meeting is no reason why we should not be interested in the views they may wish to express. I can assure the hon. member that, through our regional directors, the responsible provincial ministers and our own federal ministers who are responsible for emergency measures in their respective departments, we are quite willing to consult the private sector, as we have always done in the past and will continue to do. We did not invite them to this first federal-provincial conference because it was a ministers' meeting; but there is no saying that, in the future, when other meetings are held, whether it be at the provincial, regional or federal levels, here in Ottawa, we may not have the opportunity of having discussions with all parties interested in emergency planning in Canada.

[*English*]

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, I wonder if I might direct a question to the government House leader with respect to business of the House tomorrow and into next week.

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, tomorrow there is an agreement among representatives of the parties that we dispose of all stages of Bill S-7, an act to provide for the prohibition of certain international air services, standing in the name of the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs. The agreement was to the effect that one speaker per party will participate, and then the bill will be voted through all stages. I understand that if a recorded division is required any time tomorrow, it will be postponed until next week.

Following Bill S-7, we will deal with report stage and third reading stage of Bill S-4, an act to amend the Department of Labour Act. Finally, we will deal with Bill S-10, an act to amend the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act.

Those are the three bills for tomorrow, S-7, S-4 and S-10, in that order.

[*Translation*]

Concerning the business for next week, we will later on be giving notice of a motion on behalf of the government to debate the important issue of the North-South dialogue and international affairs in general. The government therefore will be debating this motion, of which notice will be given later today, on Monday. Technically, we could wait until tomorrow to give this notice, but as a courtesy to the opposition and at their request, I will make sure that they can have the text of this motion, which will be introduced on behalf of the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan), later today.

Tuesday will be an allotted day set aside for the New Democratic Party, and we understand that they will keep the promise they made in this House to the effect that, if the government agreed to set aside a day to debate the important issue of the North-South dialogue, they would word the motion for their allotted day in such a way as to allow the House to debate the same subject. We therefore expect that Tuesday's debate will also deal with the North-South dialogue, which means that to all intents and purposes, we shall probably be dealing with international affairs and the North-South dialogue in the House of Commons next Monday and Tuesday.

Finally, many amendments to Bill C-57 have been moved. They should be disposed of next week. We are now having discussions in order to decide when we should have our second day of debate at the report stage. Whatever day we choose, at the end of it, we should be expected to vote on several dozens of amendments, and we have tentatively agreed that the votes should not take quite as long as they could. In theory, Madam