

member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt)—Administration of Justice—Possibility of amending section 613 of Criminal Code in view of decision in Morgentaler case—Possibility of pardon for Dr. Morgentaler; the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp)—Abortion—Request for clarification of government policy.

The House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business, as listed on today's order paper, namely, public bills, private bills, notices of motions.

Mr. McKinley: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I believe that the notice sent around concerning private members' hour today indicated that we would proceed with Bill C-217, standing in the name of the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am told the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis) is on his way to the House. Is it agreed that the bills preceding this one on the order paper shall stand and retain their place?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. members may wish to relax in the meantime, unless the parliamentary secretary has a point of interest to raise.

Mr. Reid: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have. I might take the opportunity to indicate to hon. members who receive this list which emanates from my office that it is not an official list. It is the result of work done in my office. We take each member with a bill or motion that is ready to come up, we go through the list, and we ask each one if he or she will take the next spot available. We take them all in strict rotation in the order they stand on the order paper. We take no responsibility for this list, Mr. Speaker; it is merely circulated for the use of members. I want to emphasize that it is not an official list but is totally unofficial, and we have been producing it at the request of hon. members.

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I might say that I have written to Mr. Speaker to suggest that the list be printed perhaps each week as an addendum to the Monday order paper, as an easy means of informing members what business is to come during private members' hour. I hope that suggestion will be seriously considered by the Chair.

Mr. McKinley: Mr. Speaker, I thank the parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid) for that explanation. I would also bring to the attention of the Chair and hon. member that private members' hour generally starts at five o'clock, and it is not yet five o'clock.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to confirm what the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid) has said, namely, that we do these things by way of arrangement for general convenience, but that does not rule out the possibility of following the list as it is on the order paper.

Heritage Day

When I got to my feet I was going to express the hope that we might at least do the report stage of Bill C-208, since there is no debate on it in any case, and that would bring it up to third reading. I see that the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis) has come in in the meantime. Even so, I wonder if there would not be agreement to deal with Bill C-208 at the report stage. There are no amendments to it, so there is no debate. I would accept my hon. friend's suggestion that third reading stand over to another time. I think Your Honour will find that there is consent to do that. Perhaps the hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville (Mr. MacGuigan) will move the motion, and I would second it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. As far as the Chair is concerned, there is no objection; but if I heard correctly, the House had already agreed to proceed with Bill C-217 in the name of the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis). That hon. member has arrived. There has been no indication, other than the remarks of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and the nod by the hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville (Mr. MacGuigan), to indicate that there has been general agreement to proceed with Bill C-208. Is there agreement in respect of the suggestion by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre that we immediately proceed with the consideration of report stage of Bill C-208 and then proceed to the consideration of Bill C-217?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Before I put the motion on the report stage of Bill C-208 I give notice that private members' hour will end at a quarter to six, which will give a full hour for debate.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

HOLIDAYS ACT

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HERITAGE DAY

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour) moved that Bill C-208, respecting Heritage Day (title amended to read an Act respecting National Heritage Day), as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Next sitting of the House.