

FLOODS**REQUEST FOR ACTION TO MEET CONDITIONS
IN SOUTHWESTERN SASKATCHEWAN**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): This is a very urgent question, Mr. Speaker. I do not know who is the Acting Minister of Agriculture, so without that knowledge I direct my question to the Prime Minister. It has to do with the very serious floods which have occurred in southwestern Saskatchewan. I see the Prime Minister motioning to one of his cabinet members and therefore I now have the designation. I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, who I gather is Acting Minister of Agriculture in view of his designation by the Prime Minister, what action is being taken to meet the very serious flood conditions in southwestern Saskatchewan? According to the old-timers they are the worst in history. Further, are the facilities of P.F.R.A. being made available to municipalities and to the province of Saskatchewan in order to keep to a minimum the damage that would otherwise take place?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, in this short-lived moment as Minister of Agriculture I would like to take the question as notice.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: You were just designated by the Prime Minister.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Privy Council as house leader. Now that members of the house have returned from the recess, could he reveal to hon. members what the business of the house will be for the rest of this week so that they can get themselves in a proper state of preparation and of grace also?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The first item for today would be No. 63, the bill to establish the Export Development Corporation. This would be followed, we would hope later today, by item No. 64, the bill to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite. Tomorrow, after those two items have been completed, we would call item No. 66, second reading of Bill

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S-29, respecting the production and conservation of oil and gas in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. That would be followed by item No. 65, second reading of Bill S-23, to amend the Canada Shipping Act.

There will be a meeting of house leaders this afternoon at which time we will discuss the possibility of also dealing tomorrow with item No. 17, the report stage of Bill C-153, to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act. On Wednesday in any event we would call the report stage of Bill C-150, the omnibus Criminal Code bill. It would be our intention to remain on it for the balance of the week until its conclusion.

We will also be discussing with the house leaders the possibility of arranging a special debate, very likely on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, when the Secretary of State for External Affairs has returned, for the purpose of discussing the statements with regard to NATO. I will be making a further announcement in that regard.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION****MEASURE TO PROVIDE INSURANCE,
GUARANTEES AND LOANS
TO DEVELOP TRADE**

Hon. Otto E. Lang (for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce) moved that Bill C-183, to establish the Export Development Corporation and to facilitate and develop export trade by the provision of insurance, guarantees, loans and other financial facilities, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today to establish an Export Development Corporation in succession to the Export Credits Insurance Corporation, which my colleague the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) presented to the house for first reading a few weeks ago, concerns improvement and expansion of certain specialized services to facilitate and encourage export and related international activities of Canadian business.

During the recent debate on the restructuring of the federal administration it was emphasized to hon. members in connection with the proposal to bring together the Department of Industry and the Department of