

*Business of the House*

scarcely regard further questioning of the minister on the same subject as a point of order at this time.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****WEEKLY STATEMENT**

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to find out from the government House leader what business we will be able to process as rapidly as possible so that we can get to some important measures after the budget.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, today I hope that we will be able to deal expeditiously with three bills: Bill C-13, the Northern Canada Power Commission Act amendment, Bill C-17, the Army Benevolent Fund Act amendment, and Bill C-18, the Fire Losses Replacement Account Act amendment. After that is concluded we will return to the consideration of Bill C-32, the Petroleum Administration Act, which, after receiving second reading, will be referred to the committee of the whole.

Tomorrow we shall consider Bill C-27, the amendment to the Customs Tariff. Tuesday, November 12, and Friday, November 15 will be allotted days under Standing Order 58. Next week, we shall resume consideration of Bill C-32. Other items which are likely to come up in the near future are Bills C-4 and C-22.

● (1510)

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Nickel Belt on a point of order.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon I rose on a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and quoted some figures. The hon. member for Hastings on a point of order sought to correct the figures I used. I want to point out that I was using the figures for raw sugar landed in Canada and I believe the hon. member for Hastings was talking about the price for refined sugar.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre on a point of order.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, with respect to the weekly announcement of the Business of the House may I ask the President of the Privy Council a question. Will he at an early date, or will the Minister of Veterans Affairs with the approval of the government House Leader, be introducing a motion which I am sure can be passed without debate, giving a term of reference to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs so that that committee can hear certain veteran organizations.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member we will give sympathetic and urgent consideration to his request.

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

[Mr. Speaker.]

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[English]

**NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION ACT****AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF COMMISSION**

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development)** moved that Bill C-13, to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, we are not going to oppose this motion provided we can obtain an assurance from the government House leader that we will not be impeded in calling those witnesses in committee whom we on this side of the House consider essential to the clause by clause examination of the bill. If we can have that assurance now, there will be no problem in giving the bill second reading now and sending it to committee; but we do not want to encounter, in committee, a rejection of the request to call witnesses by the government majority on the committee.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to commit hon. members. Members of the committee are all members of the House of Commons, just like my hon. friend, and would not want to receive instructions from me.

**Mr. Nielsen:** I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that the government House leader can go so far as to say he will prevail upon his colleague the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Buchanan), and perhaps even the chairman of the committee, to assist in the meaningful work of the committee by providing that there will be no impediment to the calling of witnesses. We are prepared to hasten the bill along by giving it second reading now, as long as we can be given that assurance.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, of course I cannot give assurances on behalf of other members of the House. I will see that sympathetic consideration is given to the request of the hon. member, but I am in no position to commit my friends on this side of the House or those on the other side.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.