

Business of the House

particular, can he tell us when the bill to amend the Canada Pension Plan will be given first reading?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I have a number of major bills that I hope to introduce before Christmas. Tomorrow notice will be given of an immigration bill, a bill relating to human rights and a bill relating to metric conversion. Very soon I would like to give notice of the introduction of a bill relating to Manpower services and unemployment insurance. I cannot, however, at this moment tell the hon. member when a bill relating to the Canada Pension Plan will be introduced. I will check that out and provide information to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, can the government House leader say when the holidays bill will be introduced? The Secretary of State said a day or two ago that we would see it soon.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I feel quite positive about introducing that bill and will confer with the minister to try to bring it on as early as possible.

Mr. Friesen: Mr. Speaker, there is a great deal of concern across the country about the timetable the government has for introducing legislation relating to the Criminal Code, especially that related to abortion laws. When does the government House leader plan to table the Badgley commission report so that the country will know the contents of that report?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, if I might answer for the President of the Privy Council the question related to the Badgley report, I anticipate that it will be tabled and made public in December.

Mr. Maine: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wish to refer to an issue that you mentioned you were taking action on relating to dress in this House. I agree that the question should be reviewed and action taken upon it. Until an order has been made, I have agreed to abide by it. The hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton should show the same respect for the decision of the Chair. I feel this matter should be dealt with forthwith.

Mr. Speaker: I have great difficulty at this moment dealing with the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton about his dress in the chamber, because he is not in the chamber. In any case, on the matter of standards of dress for members of the House, the subject was raised particularly in reference to the hon. member for Wellington at the end of last session. I indicated then that I would be asking, and I will still be asking, the members' services committee to examine this question to see whether any changes should be made.

The reason I have not been able to do so until very recently was that the standing committee on members' services was not reconstituted. It has now been reconstituted and has elected a new chairman who at the moment is attending a NATO conference. I have already invited him to discuss a number of matters of pertinence that ought to be brought before the

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

committee immediately upon his return. This item is one of them.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STATUTES OF CANADA

TABLING OF DRAFT BILL TO CORRECT ANOMALIES IN FEDERAL STATUTES

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), in both official languages, a draft bill to correct anomalies, errors and other matters of a non-controversial nature in federal statutes. It is intended that this bill will be referred to a committee of this House.

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FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT

AMENDMENT TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE TO ADVERTISE RECRUITMENT IN CANADA OF MERCENARIES

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-380, to amend the Foreign Enlistment Act (recruiting by advertising).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to prohibit the recruitment of mercenaries in Canada by advertisement, advice or other inducement.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PETITIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF PETITION PRESENTED BY MR. HOLMES

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the table the fourth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent (Mr. Holmes) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House I would move: