

Monday as an allotted day. I believe the arrangement is that the motion for that day will be put down by the New Democratic Party. With regard to Bill C-14 which we shall commence tonight, although the government House leader did not say it in so many words, I take it we shall stay with it tomorrow. *Hansard* might note the minister is nodding his head up and down.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): In a wavy line.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): The government House leader referred to a couple of other bills being reported back from their committee study today. Because Bill C-5 is a bill that comes into effect when it has finally been passed and been given Royal Assent, that is, the old age security bill, and therefore affects the discontinuance of the spouse's allowance of widows who may lose their husbands this month, I hope that can be brought back very soon so we can pass it, get it over to the other place, and finally get it on the books.

We agree to the suggestion that the budget debate, apart from the minister's statement next Thursday night, start on Friday, November 17.

I have just one further comment to make. It is the same one I made last Thursday. In view of continuing misunderstanding as to what is in Bill C-12, having to do with the indexing of pensions of public servants and others, I hope that debate might get started fairly soon so there can be exposed to the public what the government's intentions are under that bill.

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the comment by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) about Bill C-12, I will be in a position very shortly to convey the information which I know is pertinent to the deliberations on that bill. I will consult with the House leader for the timing of such a reading at which time all the pertinent factors, specifically the degree of supplementation possible for the next three years, which I think is the key issue, will be made clear. I say to the hon. member that I think he will receive my information favourably.

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[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER

MR. CORBIN—REMARK MADE BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Madawaska-Victoria on a point of order.

Mr. Corbin: Mr. Speaker, referring to Standing Order 35 which says, and I quote:

No member shall . . . use offensive words against either House, or against any member thereof.

Committee Reports

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Speaker, as can be read in *Hansard* for Wednesday, November 8, page 928, the Leader of the Official Opposition said at about 3.42 p.m., and I quote:

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not have any way in which I can receive the point from the hon. member at the present time unless it is by way of a question of privilege. If it is a disorder that took place yesterday, it would need to have been raised or brought to the attention of the Chair at that time. If it relates to privilege, having occurred in yesterday's proceedings, and being raised today by way of privilege, it would have to be upon specific notice under the standing orders. In the absence of that notice, I have no jurisdiction to proceed with it at this time.

Mr. Corbin: Mr. Speaker, the matter I wish to raise occurred at a time I was serving as a member of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, which is my duty as a member of the House of Commons. At that time the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) made a comment in the House which was offensive. It only came to my attention during today's question period when I read the comments he made at that time. I take the earliest opportunity to raise this.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I regret to advise the hon. member that, although I understand his dilemma, namely, that he was serving on duties of the House of Commons when what he considers to be an offence was made, I have to consider whether I have jurisdiction to take it into account and, if I do, if it was disorder I would have had to take it into account at the time it occurred. If it is privilege, the only basis upon which I can deal with comments made yesterday in today's proceedings is if I have received proper notice under Standing Order 17, and I have not. Therefore, I have no jurisdiction to deal with it.

If the hon. member feels aggrieved, perhaps he can take the earliest possible opportunity in debate to refer back to that remark. I would guess there would be opportunities in future debates to do that, but I regret procedurally I have no power to deal with it at this time.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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