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governing the importation of printed matter for certain organizations, including charitable organizations, and thus the Canadian Cancer Society. I am not so sure Parliament made a mistake here, since there was a measure of inequity involved, namely, publicity material printed in Canada was subject to sales tax, while imported publicity material was not, so that the Canadian National Institute for the Blind was paying 9 per cent excise tax on material it had printed in Canada while another organization, the Canadian Cancer Society, was importing its printed material without having to pay the tax, because of the problem with the tariff item. The Hon. Member is asking whether I would be willing to recommend a remission of duty and taxes in this particular case. The Hon. Member should be aware that if we do it in this case, we will have to do the same for all charitable organizations paying excise tax on material printed in Canada. As for recommending to the Minister of Finance that the excise tax should be amended to exempt charitable organizations from payment of excise tax, I am sure that as a former Minister of National Revenue, the Hon. Member will understand that the entire issue must be considered within the broader perspective of assistance to charitable organizations.

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## PETITIONS

## TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, December 1, 1982, and finds that the petitions meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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[English]

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## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, I have a few questions for the Government House Leader. Assuming the division bells ring on the termination of the debate under the provisions of Standing Order 75C at approximately eight thirty o'clock, and assuming the vote is completed around nine o'clock, would the Government House Leader inform us what we will be dealing with for the remainder of this day, for tomorrow and as far into next week as he can go?

**Mr. Pinard:** Yes, Madam Speaker. Later today we will be dealing with the second reading stage of Bill C-132, concerning the Family Allowances Act.

**Miss MacDonald:** There they go, cutting off the children.

**Mr. Pinard:** Tomorrow, since we have an agreement, we will call Bill C-132 which will come to a division no later than four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. This is as a result of a meeting among House Leaders this morning and a subsequent one that was held at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon.

[Translation]

As far as the business of the House for next week is concerned, we shall proceed with consideration of Bill C-133, at the beginning of next week, to be followed by consideration of Bill C-131. Thursday will be the last opposition day for this supply period.

[English]

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, I do not know how the Government House Leader's reference to the word "agreement" is going to be taken by the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, but I assume that we are of a mind that second reading of Bill C-132 will be completed and the matter referred to committee by the end of the day tomorrow. In the meantime, is the Government House Leader saying that the designated day under the notice given by the Minister of National Health and Welfare yesterday will be Monday? If not, which day next week will be the designated day for the conclusion of second reading of that measure?

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, I just indicated that we will be dealing with Bill C-133 next week, which is a most important and urgent Bill. We will start with that on Monday. The allocated day which the Hon. Member is talking about will follow second reading of Bill C-133, which we hope will get to second reading early in the week. Most likely it will be some time in the middle of next week, probably Wednesday. In any case, I said that the first item of business next week would be Bill C-133.

As we will get second reading of Bill C-132 later tomorrow, then the appropriate committee can deal with Bill C-132, pending second reading of Bill C-131. We are not wasting time; we are being very practical. The last allotted day, as I have just indicated in French, will be next Thursday. All of this is subject to change with reasonable notice.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, so that we have it abundantly clear, there is no specified designated day for Bill C-131. We are, therefore, in limbo of a day being designated pending completion of Bill C-133. I believe that is the way to interpret it.

**Mr. Deans:** Madam Speaker, the House business as put forward by the Government House Leader is as I anticipated it would be. As far as tomorrow is concerned, we recognize the importance of Bill C-132 being given proper and adequate committee study. It is a very important Bill affecting a large number of people and families across this country. We want to have adequate time in committee to deal with it, and because