

Mr. Matte: Has the French version of the report of the Senate Committee on Poverty been tabled?

Mr. Speaker: I feel that question should be put in the other place.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF CANADIAN PRODUCERS TO HIGH TARIFF COUNTRIES

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. At the meetings of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, did the minister make representations on behalf of Canadian agricultural producers to those countries that have high tariffs and levy systems, thereby making it impossible for Canadian products to be exported to those countries? Were talks along that line held and were representations made?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the formal sessions of FAO are not designed for the purpose of negotiating trade arrangements or agreements. Nevertheless, informal discussions do take place during the meetings, especially after hours, and at all times I can assure the hon. member that the interests of the Canadian farmers were promoted vigorously by all members of the Canadian delegation.

Mr. McKinley: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have just about run out of time. Perhaps the hon. member might pursue the matter tomorrow. I was anxious to give the hon. member a chance to ask his question.

Mr. McKinley: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member can ask his supplementary at ten o'clock, and he will be given priority again since this is obviously an urgent matter. The hon. member for Kootenay West will be allowed a question, and then we will call orders of the day.

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POWER

PROPOSED FLOODING OF SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY—INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the government received a report from the International Joint Commission on its recent investigation into the proposed flooding of the Skagit Valley and, if not, when is a report expected?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have not yet received the report but I will make inquiries.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Business of the House

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I raise my usual Thursday point of order. I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader about the business for the rest of this week and next.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, we will continue in committee of the whole on the tax bill. In accordance with earlier discussions, we will carry on with groupings so that discussion on any one of the sections in a group will constitute discussion on all of them. In line with that, we will deal today and tomorrow with co-operatives and credit unions.

On Monday we will deal with international income, on Tuesday mining and petroleum, and then one day on each of the following subjects later in the week, namely corporations and their shareholders, and business and property income. It is not possible at this moment to say exactly which days the last two groups will fall on because there have been some preliminary discussions about using the fifth day of next week, wherever it may fall, as an opposition day. Discussions on that subject are continuing.

We have endeavoured, as in the past, to prepare a list of sections that will be dealt with under each heading, and if the House is so inclined I should like to go through the sections at this time, since I think there is a high level of interest in them. I have prepared a list and will distribute copies to the House leaders.

Monday's debate on international income will include sections 2, 17, 56 to 58 inclusive, 90 to 95 inclusive, 113 to 116 inclusive, 126, 133, 134, 212, 219 and 257. It will be observed that some of those sections are overlapping with ones already discussed but not passed. We have purposely included them in the list to make sure that the discussion has full range.

Mr. Baldwin: Would the parliamentary secretary circulate that list among his backbenchers who are showing unusual interest in the bill at the present time?

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order, one that I had hoped to raise before the Prime Minister left the House. It relates to the protests made from this side of the House with respect to the roster system. The appearance in the House today of five ministers who were not supposed to be here according to the roster appears to indicate a breakdown in the management of the roster system by the Prime Minister. In view of the many protests raised on this side of the House, I thought in all fairness that I should draw to Your Honour's attention and to the attention of the House the fact that the roster system has completely broken down, as indicated by their presence, and at the same time object to the fact that ten ministers who according to the roster are supposed to be here are not present today.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.