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and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) gave to my supplementary question this afternoon, which may have been misleading. I know it was not intentional, but I think we should not leave it on the record. The minister does indeed have a competition bill before a committee of this House, but he has also introduced an amendment to eliminate the amateur sports provision of that competition bill. I do not see why we should help put that bill through the committee when it discriminates against young children in this country.

[Translation]

**Mr. Ouellet:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the hon. member that the parliamentary committee—

**An hon. Member:** Here he comes—

**Mr. Ouellet:** The hon. member for Rocky Mountain could calm down a little. I understand he is under severe stress; the run for the Progressive Conservative party leadership has not yet begun, as far as I know. The hon. member should be reminded that the suggestions made to the parliamentary committee have not yet been approved as amendments to the bill. When the bill is discussed clause by clause, it will be possible to reassess whether it is convenient to exclude amateur sports or not, and I am convinced that the hon. member will have ample chance to put forward his point of view.

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[English]

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### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government House leader what the business is for the rest of this week and next week. While he is telling us, I should be glad if he would deal with the question which I have raised with other House leaders, namely, whether certain of the supply days set down as allotted days might be taken over to the next session, having in mind that the committee on procedure has made some changes with regard to supply procedure. That procedure will not come into effect until later and may not affect the supply days just mentioned. I ask the government House leader to deal with this matter quickly, as tomorrow is to be an opposition day and we must know by five o'clock what is to happen: by five o'clock we must set down tomorrow's motion.

● (1510)

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, there are two bills being debated at second reading stage which we should like to see read the second time, hopefully without excessive debate. They are Bill C-50, the agricultural stabilization bill, which has been debated for three days at second reading stage—presumably the debate is more or less finished—and Bill C-8, in the name of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, which deals with the establishment of a national petroleum company. These bills are urgent. In addition, there is a list of bills which are in various stages, some at third reading stage and others at the report stage,

as listed last Monday. These, I hope can be disposed of at the same time.

I thank the House leader of the official opposition for his offer to make available to the government before the Easter break some of the debating time which is now set aside for allotted days. I gather that our colleague the NDP House leader is agreeable to some transfer forward. I must confess that if this time is simply to be used for an unnecessary extension of debate on measures which the opposition does not intend to dispose of within a reasonable period, I would be reluctant to accept the offer.

**An hon. Member:** Since when has debate been unnecessary?

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I do not know that House leaders ever engage in debate inside or outside the House. Nevertheless, let me tell the hon. gentleman that the record shows that this House has expedited the passage of a great many pieces of legislation in a short period. Bill C-50, which the hon. gentleman mentioned, is considered to be a most important bill. I notice that even government supporters participated every day in the debate. I think we can dispose of it in one more day. I will simply leave it at this: we are looking across the aisle at a sorry aggregate, politically speaking, of course—

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Just look at the empty seats on your side.

**Mr. Baldwin:**—of members masquerading as ministers of the cabinet and we see some inviting targets for an opposition day motion.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, it is clear that no matter whether House leaders debate amongst themselves or just chat with one another, we shall have to do this bit of negotiating somewhere else and not here on the floor of the House.

**An hon. Member:** Why not here?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Why not? Don't encourage me too much.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Please don't.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** If agreement can be reached to put one or two allotted days off to the next semester, we will be prepared to go along with it. As for Bill C-50 and Bill C-8 which the minister mentioned, I believe I can say that we have only a few more speakers to put up on Bill C-50, and perhaps none at all. Bill C-8 has only been before the House for half a day's debate. We would be prepared to see it read the second time after no more than another half day's debate. Perhaps we can negotiate these matters between now and five o'clock.

While I am on my feet, may I express the hope that the government House leader is holding discussions with the Minister of Veterans Affairs and that we will soon see the motion to refer the Hermann report to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs. I hope he will also discuss with the Minister of Veterans Affairs the possibility of making available time in which to make an announcement, to bring in legislation or do whatever he must do