

*Oral Questions*

of order. I do not know how the hon. member can reconcile that statement with one of the Standing Orders of this House.

**Mr. Alkenbrack:** I rise on a question of privilege which involves the privileges of members of this House. The daily papers stated—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. If the hon. member has a question of privilege, he knows the rules of this House. He has to give notice. I know that one hon. member wanted to ask a question in relation to this matter and we did not get to him. I apologize to him. The hon. member could have asked a question. If he thinks it is important the matter can be raised by way of a question of privilege, but he has to give the usual notice as required under the Standing Order. The hon. member can do that and he will be heard by the Chair. Perhaps out of courtesy, the House might allow the Chair to recognize the Leader of the Opposition who has been seeking the floor for some time to ask a question.

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**NATIONAL PARKS****BANFF AND JASPER—POSSIBILITY OF SELF GOVERNMENT—INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It arises out of the report of the government of Alberta in March, 1972, concerning self-government for Banff and Jasper. Does the minister intend, hopefully within the next few days, to announce any improvement in the capacity of these communities for self-government?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, this question is under review by the department and we are having consultations with the advisory council, especially in Banff. If we have any progress to report to the House, we will do so in due course.

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[*English*]

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****WEEKLY STATEMENT**

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the government House leader about the business for this week and next and, in light of the fact there are two successive Mondays which will be parliamentary holidays, what we will be doing when we return after July 1. To save rising to ask another question, is the minister going to take steps to refer to this House the annual report of Air Canada and Canadian National Railways which his seatmate is quite anxious to have considered by the committee?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, today is an opposition day. Tomorrow we will continue with second reading of the Immigration Appeal Board Act, followed by second

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reading of the Summer Olympic Games bill. Tuesday will be another opposition day. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we can deal with the committee of the whole stage on the income tax bills and, hopefully, third reading. This will be followed by the Summer Olympic Games bill if it is not completed on Friday, the Pension Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the amendment to the Parole Act, the Crop Insurance Act, the Excise Tax Act and the customs tax act.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Will the minister answer my question.

**Mr. MacEachen:** With regard to the reference to the standing committee, I am conscious of the desire to have this further reference. I have it under consideration. In view of the advance in time of the session, it might be preferable to postpone or, indeed, not undertake the reference at this time. However, I do have it under consideration.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the government House leader. In view of the fact the bill to amend the Pension Act with regard to the basic rate of the war disability pension has to be passed by this House and the other place and given royal assent before the end of June if the payments are to be in effect beginning July 1, will consideration be given to the possibility of this bill being dealt with tomorrow, even if it is necessary to make arrangements either for a short debate on second reading or no debate at all?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. If it is possible to dispense with the debate or confine it to very short speeches of praise for the minister, I will be happy to call the bill early tomorrow.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Will the minister undertake to have a meeting with the usual persons this afternoon or sometime later today?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

● (1510)

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Fortin:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

I should like to ask the government House leader if he intends to put the following measures on his priority list: foreign investments, electoral expenses and capital punishment, in in order to have them considered before the summer recess?

I would also like to ask him where we stand as regards the steps or discussions—if there are still any—concerning offices within the electoral districts?

[*English*]

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, it has been the intention of the government to secure the passage of the capital punishment bill before the summer adjournment. We have not reached any such position with regard to the election expenses bill. In connection with the last part of the question, I have no new information for my hon. friend, but I will keep him informed.