

of applications for the provision of harbour and wharf facilities to fishing communities, will the minister make a statement on motions in the House to indicate any changes in public works policy in respect of providing maintenance for wharves and breakwaters and dredging to assist inshore fishermen to maintain their livelihood which is being affected?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, there is no change in policy. We are continuing to provide the best facilities possible with resources which are not unlimited.

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MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WHARVES BY FISHERMEN

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower. Will he discuss with the Minister of Fisheries and the Minister of Public Works some type of project under the local initiatives program or a similar program to allow fishermen to provide new facilities and to maintain existing facilities in order that they may support themselves in the fishing industry and to provide employment opportunities to prevent the loss of their livelihood?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss the proposal with both ministers. I appreciate the compliment of the hon. gentleman in recognizing the effectiveness of local initiative programs in that part of the country.

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I want to make a correction. The Minister of Labour may have been here yesterday during part of the question period, but when I took the attendance of ministers, as I have done each day for the last three weeks, he was not here. I might just point out for the information of the House that there have been six ministers away every day who should have been here.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have reached the end of the question period. Is the hon. member for Peace River rising on a question of privilege?

Mr. Baldwin: I am rising on a question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I did not think the question period had quite expired and I do not want to infringe on it. Would the government House leader indicate the business for today, tomorrow and next week?

Business of the House

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, today we will continue our discussion of the election expenses bill, followed by the bill to amend the Representation Commissioner Act, the Explosives Act and the wildlife bill. Tomorrow is an opposition day. Monday we will begin discussion of the foreign takeovers legislation, to be followed by the uncompleted items I have mentioned for today.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to repeat the earlier notice I gave, that in light of the unsatisfactory answers by the Prime Minister we will be discussing the Auditor General's report tomorrow.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that Standing Order 60 provides that there shall be a six-day budget debate, will the minister advise the House why the government is interrupting the budget debate by bringing in such bills as the wildlife bill, particularly in view of the disclosures by the Auditor General?

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): No, Mr. Speaker. This—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member rises on a supplementary. I might remind him that the question period is over. If he wishes to rise on a point of order, that is a different matter. We are now really asking questions two or three minutes after the question period has expired.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Very well, Mr. Speaker. On a supplementary question, will the minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that there are other members who are anxious to ask supplementary or other questions. We have gone beyond the question period. If the hon. member, as suggested, has a point of order he would have to be recognized, but I doubt whether we should proceed much further. In any event, in order to save time I will recognize the hon. member for Edmonton West.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): With the greatest apology to you, Mr. Speaker, I never felt the House leader of the opposition should rise on a point of order in respect of business. This is the final question on Thursday. Be that as it may, whether it is a supplementary or a point of order, will the minister advise the House when it is the intention of the government to return to the budget debate, a six-day debate which has been interrupted, in light of the report of the Auditor General?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I cannot precisely say when the budget debate will be resumed. It will not be before the last days of next week and possibly not then.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Well—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): On a point of order—