

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

If I am wrong, perhaps the minister might reply briefly to the hon. member's question.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have made some inquiries. At the moment we are simply going on the news report, not having seen any transcript of what was said. Speaking in terms of federal allocations for the Ste. Scholastique airport I might say that to the best of our knowledge and ability these have been spent for the projects for which they were designated.

[Translation]

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a supplementary question.

Since the minister was not in the House yesterday, he was unable to answer the question put to him. I should like to ask him another one, namely whether he intends to report to the House in the near future or to make a statement concerning the increase in the construction costs and the expenditures for the Ste. Scholastique airport, which will go beyond the estimates of \$180 million?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker, other than to say that the published report to that effect is not correct. The budget estimates have not been exceeded by anything like that amount and are quite within the normal differences that one would expect on a project of this size.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I notice the hon. member for Lisgar, the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville and the hon. member for Selkirk, among others in the back row, who are still waiting for an opportunity to ask their questions. Perhaps we might consult tomorrow and try to give them an opportunity to ask their questions early in the question period.

Mr. Rowland: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I did not raise it earlier because I did not want to disrupt the question period. I should like to raise it while the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is still in the House because it is related to his reply to a question asked by the hon. member for Vegreville, I believe. The minister implied, whether intentionally or otherwise, that Premier Schreyer had indicated that the move of Versatile Manufacturing Limited to North Dakota was in no way due to DISC. I think Premier Schreyer said precisely the reverse, and I wonder whether the minister would care to correct the record.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Again, this is the same type of question which was asked yesterday by way of a point of order. I suggest to hon. members that it is not in order to seek to obtain information in this manner by way of a point of order. I would have hoped that the question could have been asked during the question period, if there had been time to recognize the hon. member. I appreciate very well that he cannot be held responsible for not being

[Mr. Speaker.]

recognized. Perhaps the minister might give that information tomorrow during the question period.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government House leader the usual question about what business the government plans to place before parliament in the coming week. Perhaps he would be good enough to be particularly specific about the business for tomorrow and also about the business for Tuesday and Wednesday on the assumption, which I hope is correct, that the budget debate will not be resumed until Thursday.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, today we will continue with Bill C-5. Tomorrow, whether that bill is completed today or not, we will begin with Bill C-195, the adult occupational training act, and return to the farm credit bill if Bill C-195 is completed tomorrow, followed by Bill C-7, the explosives act. For next week, I should like to designate the business tomorrow and would indicate to my hon. friend that it is proposed to resume the adjourned budget debate on Thursday, May 11. In that connection, Mr. Speaker, may I suggest that under Standing Order 60 an order of the day be designated, so that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) can present the budget statement at eight o'clock and also in order that the House may indicate, through a special order, that the debate on whatever government business is before the House on the afternoon of next Monday shall be adjourned so that we may begin consideration of the order of the day at eight o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Before I put the question, I will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre who rises on a supplementary.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary with reference to the business of the House. In view of the urgency indicated yesterday by the Prime Minister with respect to the foreign takeover review bill, can the government House leader say when it is intended to call the debate on the second reading of that bill?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I had considered calling it for tomorrow, but I have deferred that decision in order to give members of the House an opportunity to examine more fully the profundity of that bill.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, since that does not take any time at all, can the minister say whether the bill will be called next week?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I cannot give that assurance at the moment.

Mr. Stanfield: The Prime Minister is not in any hurry to get that bill through.