

in my mind, and it will be introduced in the House in due course.

● (1500)

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I should like to ask the government House leader how he has plotted the time of the House for the rest of this week and next week. I use the word "plotted" in its best sense, of course.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I try to plot as much as possible in consultation with my hon. friend and with the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles). It is the intention of the government to proceed immediately with Bill C-58. When the debate on that bill is concluded, I have two bills in mind: Bill C-20 and, if possible, the government annuities bill which I hope will be on the order paper for debate by Monday. Those are the items which are immediately before the House.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I am glad the minister makes it unnecessary for me to ask one of my two weekly questions, in that he has now made it clear that we will be dealing with the government annuities bill very soon. Can the minister now tell us when we will deal with the bill implementing the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs with respect to Canadian veterans who were prisoners of war?

Mr. Sharp: I regret that I am not in a position to answer that question as yet.

TIME ALLOCATION MOTION WITH RESPECT TO BILL C-58

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, as appears in *Votes and Proceedings*, I gave notice of my intention to proceed under Standing Order 75C to propose an allocation of time on Bill C-58. I therefore move, in accordance with Standing Order 75C:

That, in relation to Bill C-58, an act to amend the Income Tax Act, five hours shall be allotted to the further consideration of the second reading stage of the bill; and

That, at the expiry of the fifth such hour, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt any proceeding before the House, if required for the purpose of this order, and shall forthwith put, without further debate or amendment, every question necessary for the disposal of the second reading stage of the bill.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sharp: I propose this motion with reluctance—

Order Paper Questions

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp) and other hon. members are well aware that, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order, a two-hour debate is to follow the presentation of the motion. I hope all hon. members will have ample opportunity to describe their reluctance during that two-hour period, rather than at this moment. I believe the Standing Order requires that we put the motion forthwith, followed by a two-hour debate. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Any remarks at this moment by the President of the Privy Council would, of course, initiate the two-hour debate. I wonder whether it is the disposition of hon. members to conclude the remaining routine proceedings before commencing the debate. If that is agreed, I could call the remaining routine proceedings and then we could begin with the remarks of the President of the Privy Council. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 2,942, 3,110, 3,132, 3,248 and 3,265.

[Text]

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS

Question No. 2,942—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What was the amount of government assistance of all forms of price support, subsidy, etc. in the years 1973-74 and 1974-75 for (a) beef (b) meat other than beef (c) eggs (d) dairy products (e) grains (f) fruit (g) vegetables (h) other forms of assistance to farmers such as fertilizers or pest controls?

2. (a) Have estimates been prepared of the costs in the above categories for the year 1975-76 and, if so, what are they (b) alternatively, what are the estimated commitments to date?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): In so far as Agriculture Canada is concerned: 1.

1973-74		1974-75	
\$		\$	
(a)	Nil		46,470,824
(b)	66,778		1,914
(c)	Nil		Nil
(d)	118,580,572	manufactured milk and cream	229,662,713
	51,473,766	Consumer milk and powder	74,620,777
(e)	22,273,304		21,425,938
(f)	Nil		Nil
(g)	35,927		636
(h)	1,038,000		1,752,356