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copper, after announcing a sharp increase in the price, agreed to postpone that increase until March 1. The minister said a week or so ago he would make an announcement before March 1 about a further postponement. I wonder whether he has something to report today?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the deadline is the first of March. I expect to be in a position to make an announcement before then.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. May I ask the President of the Privy Council, as Government House Leader, about the business of the House this week and next, and in particular whether item No. 74, which seems to be of such great interest to members on both sides of the House, is likely to be brought forward?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, we propose for tomorrow item No. 71, Bill S-19, to amend the Parole Act, to be followed by No. 55, Bill S-12, with regard to the Quarantine Act. On Monday next we will call item No. 72, Bill S-20, in regard to textile marketing, to be followed by item No. 70, Bill C-187, in respect of northern inland waters. On Tuesday next the first item will be No. 29, the bill with regard to national parks, to be followed by item No. 49, amendments to the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act.

Wednesday next will be an opposition day. On Thursday we will call item No. 47, Bill C-163 regarding a Standards Council of Canada. Our view of the matter of the motion to concur in the Agriculture committee report is that after the very extensive debate that took place I believe a week ago today on the subject matter of the dairy policy we should continue with the rest of the legislative program.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Could I ask a supplementary question? Can the minister indicate when the government intends to bring forward in this House a proposal to implement the report of the Special Committee on Statutory Instruments which contains one antidote to the spreading poison of executive domination?

[Mr. Orlikow.]

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** I would not expect to see that proposal before Easter.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question with regard to the announcement concerning House business just made by the Government House Leader. Can he now tell the House when the supplementary pensions benefits bill will be introduced and given first reading? I believe this is the title of the bill which has to do with increases in the pensions of federal superannuates.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would hope the bill will be ready by about the middle of next week. Very possibly, with the consent of the House it can be given first reading next Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Mr. Korchinski:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Government House Leader when he intends to introduce the Canada Grain Act amendments so they can be considered, since they may have an effect on the decision made by the agricultural committee on the question they are presently considering?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** This is on the agenda for before Easter and I expect to be able to meet that timetable. I am afraid I cannot say the exact date at the moment. I believe the bill is ready in draft form but has yet to receive final consideration.

[Translation]

**Mr. Rondeau:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question the government House leader.

Is he of the opinion that the report of the Committee on Agriculture presented last week in the House will be considered before the Easter recess?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, as I said the debate that took place on this subject seven days ago was most interesting, but I doubt if we will have the opportunity to go on with it in the near future.

**Mr. Fortin:** If I understood correctly, Mr. Speaker, does this mean that the motion introduced by the Progressive Conservative party and the amendment that I moved are automatically allowed to stand and that we retain the privilege to make them consistent with Standing Orders?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, it rests with you alone to make rulings concerning points of order.