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the options available. My hon. friend has mentioned one option. My department would have to keep these facilities anyway, in view of its responsibilities in the field of civil aviation; this is an argument in favour of maintaining the status quo. In any case, I will have a conversation with the Minister of National Defence.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I should like to put a question to the government House leader. Would he be able to tell us the business that he intends to bring forward today and tomorrow? Could he also look into the business for next week, if that is possible, and tell us whether he intends to allot an opposition day? If so, could he inform us when?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Yes, Madam Speaker, but first I would like to draw the attention of the House to the following agreement reached by the parliamentary leaders which has to do with the adjournment of the House after the first stage of the final debate on the constitutional resolution. We have agreed to adjourn as follows:

That, when the House adjourns on Thursday, April 23, 1981, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 12, 1981, provided that at any time prior to that date, if it appears to the satisfaction of Madam Speaker after consultation with the government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, Madam Speaker may give notice that she is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

That, in the event of Madam Speaker's being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees or the Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees shall act in her stead for all the purposes of this order.

Madam Speaker, I move that motion, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, and I think we will obtain the unanimous consent of the House for its immediate adoption.

Madam Speaker: Does the House unanimously agree to adopt the motion introduced by the hon. President of the Privy Council?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Agreed and so ordered.

Mr. Pinard: In answer to the question of the Progressive Conservative parliamentary leader concerning the business of the House for the next few days, I would say to him that today we expect to be able to complete the report stage and third reading of Bill C-42, the Canada Post Corporation Act. I think we can expect votes this afternoon at the report stage and that,

with unanimous consent, we might complete third reading later today.

Three items will be studied tomorrow. First, we will go through all three stages of the bill on the Auditor General and adopt it. This bill does not appear on the Order Paper, but we will give notice tonight and my colleagues have agreed with me to give speedy passage to this non-controversial measure. Second, we will proceed with second reading of Bill S-17 concerning tax conventions between Canada and New Zealand and Canada and Australia. Third, Bill C-46 to regulate the importation into Canada of meat, whose study on second reading is expected to be completed tomorrow afternoon.

Next Monday will be an allotted day, and finally Tuesday and in the following days we will take up the report stage of Bill C-50 on the customs tariffs, and I hope we will be able to complete third reading as well.

[English]

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): There has been some discussion among members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture with respect to the reference to that committee of the annual report of the Wheat Board. That is desirable and it is certainly agreeable to us. In order to expedite the business, we would be prepared to have that done now, without debate.

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CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council) moved that the annual report of the Canadian Wheat Board for the crop year ending July 31, 1980, tabled April 2, 1981, be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Motion agreed to.

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Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, with respect to the business of the House, we have noted the line-up suggested by the government House leader. The House as a whole must be impressed with the fact that for two days in a row we have reached unanimous agreement.

May I suggest another subject concerning which the minister would find unanimous agreement, and that is that we no longer delay bringing in legislation proposed by the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs having to do with widows who last July were told they would have to wait several years for their pensions. I realize that the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs is in Europe in his capacity of Minister of National Defence, but my hunch is that the legislation is ready. The department is keen on it. Would it not be possible to deal with