Introduction of Bills

The Hon. Member will know that we are currently involved in discussions with Opposition Parties respecting the facilitating of the passage of several of the items of legislation which are on the Order Paper. At the moment, I would therefore like to indicate the business of the House for Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The first item of business on Monday will be a Bill entitled Pioneer Trust Payment Continuation Act, a Bill which will be introduced later today by the Minister of State for Finance (Mrs. McDougall). As I indicated to the Hon. House Leaders in our discussion of last Wednesday, I am hoping we can have this important initiative on the part of the Government passed through all stages on Monday. The item is important to the people of Saskatchewan and I know that Hon. Members will be interested in giving serious consideration to moving that Bill through.

The second item of business that I would propose to call would be Bill C-30, the Bretton Woods Bill, which is at report stage. Hopefully we can make progress with that Bill and have the matter disposed of so that it can be referred to the Senate.

Mr. Gauthier: Does the Senate exist?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: The Senate as it now exists. If Bill C-30 is passed, the next item of business will be Bill C-33, the meat inspection Bill. I understand there is a disposition to deal with that matter rather quickly. I do not think there is any particular dispute regarding that legislation.

Finally, if Bill C-33 is passed, the House will move on to a debate at second reading stage on Bill C-45, the parliamentary staff relations Bill.

The business for Tuesday will be the same as the business I have just outlined for Monday.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PIONEER TRUST PAYMENT CONTINUATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-50, an Act to provide for the continuance of payments under certain guaranteed income averaging certificates issued by the Pioneer Trust Company.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Translation]

OUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Geoff Scott (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, Questions Nos. 109 and 315 will be answered today.

[Text]

COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES

Question No. 109-Mr. Angus:

Were any salaries, expenses or remunerations paid to or negotiated with the Hon. Bryce Mackasey, the Hon. Eugene Whelan and Mr. Maurice Dupras between July 9, 1984 and the date their appointments were rescinded, or between that date and November 30, 1984 and, if so (a) what was the amount (b) what was the purpose and the date of each payment (c) were any of these payments taxable?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of External Affairs and Agriculture as follows:

The Hon. Eugene Whelan, the Hon. Bryce Mackasey and Mr. Maurice Dupras received salaries from the Department of External Affairs from July 9, 1984, the date on which they were appointed, to October 11, 1984, the date their appointments were terminated: Messrs. Whelan and Mackasey were paid at the GIC-08 level (\$75,560 to \$88,930 per year) and Mr. Dupras was paid at the GIC-06 level (\$63,230 to \$74,410 per year). Income tax deductions on salary payments were made at the appropriate rate.

The only other payments to them by the Department of External Affairs were those related directly to their postings and specified in the Foreign Service Directives: Mr. Whelan received reimbursement for expenses incurred in removal of personal effects and their storage pending shipment to Rome and Mr. Dupras received a posting loan that is now being recovered.

In so far as Agriculture Canada is concerned: Under the terms of a service contract, the Hon. Eugene Whelan was paid a taxable fee of \$11,810 to serve as Canadian Representative to the World Food Council for the period October 11, 1984 to November 30, 1984.

CANADA-GASPÉ-LOWER ST. LAWRENCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Question No. 315-Mrs. Killens:

Did the Government implement the Canada—Gaspé—Lower St. Lawrence economic development plan and, if so, what was the total amount invested in all areas of the plan since the work began?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Since the launching of the plan in May, 1983, until December 31, 1984, the total amounts spent or committed in all areas are as follows: