

*Oral Questions*

indicators that are to be mandatorily installed in all aircraft flying in remote areas, as indicated by the minister, in the interests of safety and economy?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think I mentioned in the House that we have been in touch with manufacturers in Canada to see if the locators can be fabricated here in Canada, and at what price. It is difficult to answer the question before having received and studied the report.

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

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the government House leader what will be the business for the rest of this week and next week.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, before mentioning the business for the rest of this week, may I inform the House that it has been agreed that private members hour today be devoted to a discussion of the Interparliamentary Union meeting and, if that can be regarded as agreed, maybe it could be made an order of the House later.

Today and tomorrow we will call the old age security legislation followed by the War Veterans Allowance legislation. Monday and Tuesday next will be opposition days, and notwithstanding the progress that might be made on the legislative items, on Wednesday I would like to call the reference of various matters to the Procedure and Organization Committee so that hon. members may have a chance to air some of their views with respect to the operations and procedures of the House. On Thursday next I will call the uncompleted legislative items that I have mentioned today.

**Mr. Baldwin:** As a supplementary question, is the government House leader able to give us any indication of when the leftovers from the 1972 budget, in which there is some passing interest, will be introduced, that is, provided the Minister of Finance, in his negotiations with his friends to my left, has reached the stage where he knows in what form he will be allowed to bring them into the House?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, the only negotiations that take place with my hon. friends across the floor, both to my right and to my left, take place in the presence of my hon. friend who has asked this question. I would hope to call the 1972 budget bills at an early date.

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**URBAN AFFAIRS**

## PROPOSED TORONTO WATERFRONT PARK—INQUIRY AS TO ITEM IN ESTIMATES TO COVER

**Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. On February 12 the Minister of

[Mr. Nielsen.]

Public Works replied to my written question to the effect that the government had exercised an option to purchase 14 acres of land for part of the proposed Toronto waterfront park promised during the election campaign. The minister referred to some \$9.7 million to purchase this land as being committed from the Department of Public Works estimates, yet neither the main estimates for 1973-74 tabled a week ago Tuesday nor the supplementary estimates for 1972-73 nor the main estimates for 1972-73 refer to this item. It is quite impossible to prepare for discussion of the estimates without knowing where this item is. Would the minister indicate whether he has misled the House in reply to my question or where I could find that particular item?

• (1520)

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works):** No, Mr. Speaker, I have not misled the House. I believe this will be found in subsequent estimates.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** Subsequent?

[Translation]

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Mr. Speaker, I tried to raise the question of privilege earlier.

I only wanted to reiterate the remark of the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Cafik) that the bell was not ringing last night in our corridor and, in view of the present political situation that could obviously have been disastrous for government members.

[English]

**Mr. Hellyer:** A question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister of Public Works would be good enough to clarify the answer that he just gave to the House in reply to the hon. member.

**Some hon. Members:** Order, order!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member I am sure will appreciate that this is hardly a question of privilege. I allowed the hon. member's previous question which in my view was not a question of privilege but I thought, in fairness to him, and since he had tried to get the floor before, that I should be mute on the point and allow the minister to reply. I am sure the hon. member for Trinity would agree, however, that what he is bringing to the attention of the Chair is hardly a question of privilege.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, as a question of privilege or a point of order, I think it is now a matter of privilege affecting all members of this House. If I understood the minister correctly, he told the House that the government of Canada has expended some several millions of dollars without parliamentary approval. If that is what he meant to tell the House, that the government of Canada has spent millions of dollars without authorization from this House and only in future will estimates be presented to the House, then it is, in fact, a question of privilege affecting every single member of the House.