

*Business of the House*

support Bill C-21, why will the government not do as it is asked and put an end to this economic terrorism, introduce the VER, and put an end to economic hostage taking of—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. minister.

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, a temporary VER bill is not going to help the new parents in Canada who are looking for maternity and paternal benefits. A VER bill is—

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. minister.

• (1500)

**Mrs. McDougall:** If the hon. member is so concerned about the workers—

**Some hon. members:** VER, VER.

**Mrs. McDougall:** —then I would suggest that they take into account the needs of seasonal workers—

**Some hon. members:** VER, VER.

**Mrs. McDougall:** —in the fish plants as well as the fishermen and the other people who are concerned. All the shouting in the world is not going to help those people.

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[Translation]

**FORESTS**

**Mr. Jean-Guy Guibault (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and deals with the Canada-Quebec Subsidiary Agreement on Development.

On August 24, 1990, the federal government submitted to the minister of Forestry for Quebec a proposal for the renewal of the Canada-Quebec Forest Agreement.

Considering no answer has been received yet, could the Minister tell us how he intends to ensure that the Quebec forest industry benefits as soon as possible from the federal government funds?

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Industry, Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his excellent question.

We have indeed offered, on August 24th, the Quebec government to renew the Forest Agreement. As of yet, we have not received an answer. However, we believe that the Quebec government intends to make a valid proposal toward finding a solution, as producers in Quebec expect, which is extremely important for the forests in Quebec.

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**PRESENCE IN GALLERY**

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to draw attention to the presence in the Speaker's gallery of parliamentarians from various francophone countries who are members of the Parliamentary Affairs Committee of the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****WEEKLY STATEMENT**

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, it is customary for the Opposition House leader to ask what the government's legislative agenda will be for the next few days. I ask the question.

[English]

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, today we will continue with second reading of Bill C-84. Tomorrow, I would like to call and perhaps deal with in its entirety Bill C-37 for third reading, Bill C-74 to complete second reading, and Bill C-73 to complete second reading.

I understand in all of these cases we are near completion. Discussions can carry on informally. In terms of order, I understand there is some concern about what might be called first. Certainly that is subject to agreement with the opposition as well.

On Monday, I am not quite sure at this point what business will be called, probably Bill C-84. But there might be a change.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, just as a matter of information. I wonder if the House leader could tell us what he means by "probably" so that people can plan their business for Monday. Can he give us an indication of what he has in mind except Bill C-84 for Tuesday next week? What does he intend to call? It is all very well to point out probably, but I would like to have some