

Mr. Speaker: I think this question could be placed on the Order Paper. If there is urgency, it could be considered at the time of adjournment.

OPENING OF QUEBEC OFFICE IN PARIS—
DECREASE IN FEDERAL OFFICERS

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I have another question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact the Quebec government is going to open an immigration office in Paris in a few weeks, can the minister tell the House if the number of federal government immigration officers in France will be reduced?

Mr. Speaker: This is the type of information which I respectfully suggest the hon. member should seek by way of a written question.

ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH PEOPLE LEAVING
POLAND

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I have another very important question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I will attempt to phrase it in such a way that the minister will be able to reply. In view of the mass exodus of Jewish people from Poland—I do not consider this very funny, gentlemen. It is a very important question. In view of the mass exodus of the Jewish population from Poland, and in view of the action France and the Scandinavian countries are taking to assist these people, could the minister say whether Canada is planning any special treatment or giving any special thought to assisting them?

Mr. Speaker: I have the same reservation about the third question. It may be that the minister might think these three important questions could be answered at the same time by way of a statement. That might be a helpful suggestion.

Mr. Paproski: Could I put my questions at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

[Translation]

DECREASE IN FRENCH IMMIGRANTS

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I want to raise a point of order in connection with the question asked by the hon. member who has just resumed his seat.

Would the Minister of Immigration be ready to make a statement on motions, referring to the answer he gave to question No.

345, which appears in yesterday's *Hansard* on page 1800.

Could he supply us with any explanations as to the decrease in the number of immigrants from countries such as France, and the substantial increase in that of immigrants from Germany. Could he also—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Sainte-Marie seems to suggest to the minister to make a statement on motions and, obviously, that would be the simplest solution.

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, might I have the permission of the House to ask the Government House Leader about the business for the balance of this week and for next week? He might possibly be able to make a statement.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for the question. There will be a meeting of House Leaders later this afternoon at which the business for the balance of this part of the session will be discussed. If I could, I would prefer to make the statement at the close of the business today. I ask hon. members to bear that in mind when looking for the business for next week.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a question for the Government House Leader in connection with the urban affairs vote last Monday night. I appreciate I am not entitled to comment on it, but will the minister consider having coloured slides made, preferably yellow of the Toronto members?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question period has expired.

• (3:10 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

EXCISE TAX ACT

The House resumed, from Wednesday, November 26, consideration of the motion of Mr. Benson that Bill C-155, to amend the Excise Tax Act, be read a third time and do pass, and the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West). (p. 1273)