

Privilege

The government House leader indicated that we would continue with Bill C-58 this afternoon. In the event that that work is completed, could we have an indication from the government House leader as to whether we will proceed to other items of business or whether we will suspend?

Second, given the uncertainty of next week, do we now have an indication that it is possible the House will not adjourn in time for members of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition to travel to their convention as per a prior agreement?

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, I forgot to mention that after Bill C-58, it would be my intention to call Bill C-39, the offshore laws act, for which there is some urgency.

In terms of sittings next week, the last thing in the world that I would attempt to do is to deny members of the Loyal Opposition to go to that fine city of Calgary. It is the first time in my political experience in the House that I have seen Liberals willingly ready to spend money in my city, and I am not going to stand in the way of that happening.

However, we do have certain parliamentary responsibilities that we will be discussing in our usual manner. If satisfactory accommodations can be met, we can all enjoy whatever we choose to enjoy during that period.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, for clarification, the minister just said that he was going to call Bill C-39, which is an act to apply federal laws and provincial laws to off-shore areas commensurate with acts in consequence thereof. That act is at report stage with an amendment right now.

Did I hear the minister correctly that he intends to call this bill this afternoon after the Young Offenders Act?

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, there appears to be some disagreement over my parliamentary secretary to whom I affectionately refer to as Henry Kissinger, the shuttle diplomat.

As one can understand as we go into the summer expiration season and so on, it would be useful that this act, in terms of enforcing Canadian environmental laws, be in place for proper regulation enforcement of commercial law in those sensitive areas.

Further to discussions we can have in a few moments, I am hopeful that we can get some agreement. That would facilitate us achieving the adjournment time that was alluded to by the hon. member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan.

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley—Hants): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I just want to clarify.

I think I heard the House leader correctly. Is there some certainty—to use a word that was used here quite a bit last week—that there is going to be a debate in this House on the companion resolution and/or the constitutional questions that were discussed in this city with such heat, fervour and importance for seven days last week before we get out of here? In this discussion, there will be House leaders.

After all, this was a pretty fundamental thing last week. I find it peculiar strains that the House of Commons is at the moment still mute as far as having a Commons debate on something that is so fundamental to the nation.

Mr. Andre: As I indicated, Mr. Speaker, it is my intention to call the main resolution next Monday.

The question as to when the various steps that were agreed to during the constitutional discussions are completed is subject to further discussion. Clearly, it is our expectation that every resolution that was agreed to last week will be fully debated and adjudicated on or divided on in this House at the proper time.

There is no attempt to deny normal parliamentary rules of debate and discussion with regard to these issues.

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POINT OF ORDER**COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD**

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order arising out of Question Period, which I had hoped to raise earlier when the minister was still here.

In response to my questions with respect to Canada's involvement in trade talks with Mexico, the Secretary of State for External Affairs suggested that I was pandering to anti-Mexican feeling. As I look at some of the prohibitions that are indicated with respect to debate in