

*Privilege—Miss Carney***PRIVILEGE**

MR. ROBINSON (BURNABY)—RESPONSIBILITY OF SOLICITOR GENERAL TO TABLE REPORTS

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): Madam Speaker, my question of privilege arises from a statement made by the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) in the House yesterday on a question of privilege to the effect that I had failed to supply, as required by law, within five days of the commencement of this session, the annual report of the Solicitor General and the annual report of the Correctional Service of Canada. I left the House yesterday, as I informed the hon. member, because I was attending a meeting of a cabinet committee. I note with regret that he is absent today. He told me that he was returning to his constituency for the weekend.

It is true, Madam Speaker, that I have failed to file these annual reports. I have checked with other ministers and I find that, in general, most of them have been unable to comply with this statutory requirement. In my case, although I regret it, I am doing everything I can to bring the annual reports forward quickly. Last week I signed both annual reports and they have been sent out to be printed but have not been printed yet. As soon as they are I will bring them forward and table them in the House.

MISS CARNEY—ALLEGED COMMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege regarding the Prime Minister's remarks which were addressed to me when I was questioning the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin). During the course of the question, I repeated the remarks of the Premier of B.C. which expressed his frustration in dealing with the federal government on any cost-sharing arrangement. While I was asking the question I heard the Prime Minister say, and I am supported by my colleagues: "She talks just like Lévesque, always being gyped by Ottawa."

Madam Speaker, as a western MP I find the Prime Minister's remark unacceptable. I am advised by my colleagues that, since it imputes motives to me, it does involve a question of privilege. I should like to serve notice that I am prepared to move a motion that he be instructed to withdraw his remark once your Honour has a chance to check the record.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I do not have the benefit of the blues here and I cannot recall the exact words used by the hon. member in her question, but I did hear her say words to the effect that this federal government spent no money west of the Ontario-Manitoba border. That is the kind of remark which I said is exactly the kind of remark Mr. Lévesque makes when he says no money is spent by the federal government in Quebec.

If the hon. lady did not say that or words to that effect, I will withdraw my remark, but I ask you, Madam Speaker, to

give us both time to check the blues. I am quite certain I heard right.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, might I ask the government House leader if he could indicate the business for the balance of the week. I understand that it is his intention to designate next Thursday an allotted day. Could he tell us beyond that what his intentions are with respect to business?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, tomorrow the order of business will be as follows: the first item will be Bill C-27, the Farm Improvement Loans Act, followed by C-15, the Livestock Feed Assistance Act and if we have time, Bill C-28, the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act.

[*Translation*]

As far as the business for next week is concerned, the House shall not meet Monday, pursuant to Standing Order 2(3). Tuesday we will be discussing on second reading the Municipal Grants Act and, if possible, the Relocation of Government Agencies Act, also on second reading.

Wednesday, we wish to initiate and hopefully complete the discussion of the old age security legislation, to increase the guaranteed income supplement for senior citizens. Thursday, will be an allotted day, and I understand the New Democratic Party will be addressing a matter of their choice.

[*English*]

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I could perhaps discuss this later, but in anticipation I wonder if the government House leader might be prepared to entertain discussions with respect to shifting the business to the item which is third in line for Friday, that is to say, from Bill C-28, the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act, to Bill C-7, to amend the Saltfish Act. It is a matter that I did discuss with the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader. Would he be prepared to consider that change in the event we do reach that stage on Friday?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I have no objection to informing my hon. colleague of the reasons why I cannot accept his request.

However, if my colleague objects to Bill C-28 being discussed tomorrow, surely I can compensate by proposing another matter in consultation with him.