DRUGS

INQUIRY AS TO FINAL REPORT OF LE DAIN COMMISSION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can the minister tell us when the LeDain report on the non-medical use of drugs will be completed and made public?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): As I said in the House some time ago, the latest advice I have received, after discussing the matter with the Chairman, is that it will probably be available by the latter part of December at the earliest.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

· WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the leader of the House what the business is to be for the rest of this week, and what plans the government has for next week, particularly bearing in mind that next Thursday will be Remembrance Day? Can the hon. gentleman indicate whether there is any special plan for the sittings next week?

Mr. MacEachen: Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we shall resume the debate in committee on the tax bill and continue it next week. With respect to Remembrance Day and the holiday which is provided for that day under the rules, a number of hon. members have indicated that they would like to participate in ceremonies in their constituencies on that day. However, it will be difficult for hon. members, especially those from outlying constituencies, to do this and be back on Friday morning. If it could be arranged to pick up the hours which are normally spent on government business on Friday early in the week, it might be possible for us not to sit on Friday in order that hon. members can spend Remembrance Day in their constituencies and still be able to get back for the sitting on Monday.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: If that is agreeable we can do something about it tomorrow by way of making it an order.

Mr. Baldwin: I wonder whether the minister is able to give the House a statement as to the government's intentions respecting business for the rest of this session. What happens after Bill C-259 has been completed? In particular, is it the intention of the government or of the Minister of Finance to introduce further budgetary measures which would have to be passed before this session ends?

Mr. MacEachen: It is not the intention of the government, following the completion of the tax bill, to commence discussion of new items which are not presently at the report stage, except, possibly, with respect to the tax legislation arising from the statement in the House some

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time ago by the Minister of Finance. That would be a possible additional item.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise merely to indicate that as far as this party is concerned we would agree to the suggested arrangements for next week. We feel it would be proper for the House not to sit on Friday, it being understood that the time lost on government business because of our not sitting on Friday would be made up on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. McCleave: May I express the hope, Mr. Speaker, that we who star in the late show will not be forgotten in all this amity and concord, and that the late show can start, instead of at ten o'clock, at midnight or one o'clock in the morning, whenever the beautiful people in the House of Commons decide to adjourn.

Mr. Blair: As hon, members are aware, Mr. Speaker, there are a number of private bills which have been on the order paper for a long period. It seems that every time there has been an arrangement by the consent of all parties to put one piece of business ahead of another it has been at the expense of these private bills. I ask the leaders of the parties to take into account the fact that this will happen again next Thursday under the present proposal. Can arrangements not be made to replace at least some of the hours which have been lost?

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION—ALLEGED FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO ENSURE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND FULL EMPLOYMENT—DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

The House resumed, from Wednesday, November 3, consideration of the motion (Mr. Macquarrie):

That this House, noting the continuing deterioration of communications on the basis of common interest and mutual respect between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States, condemns the government for failing to employ and improve firm and constructive economic and political relations with the United States and, at the same time, for failing to develop a new economic policy which would strengthen our economic independence and fully employ our growing and highly skilled human resources.

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, the motion before the House reads:

That this House, noting the continuing deterioration of communication on the basis of common interest and mutual respect between the government of Canada and the government of the United States, condemns the government for failing to employ and improve firm and constructive economic and political relations with the United States, and, at the same time, for failing to develop a new economic policy which would strengthen our economic independence and fully employ our growing and highly-skilled human resources.