

Labour Adjustment Benefits

that Humphrey-Hawkins bill of the late sixties which was never brought in?

I would like to deal with other aspects of the bill. With respect to the measure concerning those over the age of 54, it is needed because there is a problem in Canada of older workers being laid off. I appreciate the fact that the minister is in the House tonight, and although we cannot deal with it at this time I would like to suggest one possible amendment. In my constituency office I hear of many problems of workers in that age group who have injuries and never receive a pension for which they have applied. I have argued some of these cases myself and found it to be a Catch 22 situation. These people cannot work, but the pension board says they are capable of doing some kind of minor job. But there are no minor jobs for them. I thought the minister would like to know that when considering further amendments.

One possibility we may consider is to guarantee a minimum wage at retirement or for those over 55.

Finally, the government is asking Canadians, businessmen and workers, to show restraint in order to provide more jobs and ultimately beat inflation. I have received many letters from my constituents on this matter, and I want to take this opportunity to say that we perhaps were not wise in Parliament recently when we voted ourselves a salary increase. I would like to say for the record that I think we should reconsider our future takes. I do not know how we can justify telling Canadians to show restraint while we do not show it. I intend to write to my constituents and personally forgo any increases for the balance of this Parliament. It is a small contribution but one which I think all members can make. I do not believe we can call upon labour or business to exercise restraint if we are not prepared to do it. It would be hypocritical to do otherwise.

As I have said and as the hon. member for Winnipeg North has said, it would be hypocritical for us to support a bill that does so little to help the advancement of the unemployed in this country.

Mr. McDermid: Oh, come on.

Mr. Waddell: The Conservative members say, "Come on". I have offered seven concrete steps toward a full employment strategy.

Mr. McDermid: Except to say where the money would come from.

Mr. Waddell: I said where the money would come from if the hon. member had listened. It is a complete program which we are offering to the Canadian people. Unlike the legislation before us, it will meet the problem of unemployment among younger Canadians. We in the House should not be asking why we cannot solve the problem of unemployment. We should be saying how we can solve the problem. I have proposed specific suggestions while the government has introduced a piece of legislation which does nothing. It is a minor piece of legislation which does not deal with the problem of a million

unemployed, half of whom are young people. I recommend to the Minister of Labour that he read my speech tomorrow and bring in a bill which would incorporate these suggestions and tackle unemployment in the proper way.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): May I remind hon. members that pursuant to a ruling made by Madam Speaker earlier today, a number of motions have been grouped. Accordingly, I will be putting the question on Motion No. 1. In accordance with the manner in which hon. members want to deal with that motion, Motions Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be dealt with as a result of the handling of Motion No. 1. The question is on Motion No. 1. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the nays have it.

Mr. Deans: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I declare the motion lost, and that disposes of Motions Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Motions Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (Mr. Kristiansen) negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I will now put the question on Motion No. 10, in accordance with Madam Speaker's ruling earlier today. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 10 (Mr. Caccia) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Again pursuant to the grouping of motions made earlier, Motions Nos. 3 and 4, which are to be debated together but voted on separately, will be put before the House.

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West) moved:

Motion No. 3