

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CONTINUATION ON SAME BASIS OF GRANTS TO COMPANIES RELYING ON SALES IN UNITED STATES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion whether he proposes to continue providing grants to companies relying on United States sales, on the same basis as before the imposition of the United States surcharge, under the Regional Development Incentives Act.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I do not think we will take that into account at all.

Mr. McGrath: Is it the conclusion of the government that the United States surcharge policy is of a very temporary nature and, hence, that grants will continue to be made in the same way as before to companies relying on United States sales?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I think that question ought to be put to the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Stanfield: He doesn't know anything.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Fraser Valley West.

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MANPOWER

TRAINING—REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF THREE YEARS IN WORK FORCE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY—WORK PROJECTS UNDER CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I always welcome the opportunity to supply the coda to the question period. In view of the Prime Minister's recent statements concerning the decline in the number of students able to resume their education and the consequent increasing number of young people seeking employment, I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether or not he is planning to amend the OTA regulations in order to abolish the three years in the work force rule so that more young people may qualify for income replacement during manpower training or retraining?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated only a short time ago to the House, the question of the three-year rule has been discussed very frequently over a period of time, particularly with provincial authorities, and consideration is being given to the advisability of changing the rule.

Mr. Rose: Could the minister advise the House whether or not his department is preparing to initiate, on a much larger scale than last year, certain work activity projects as provided for under the Canada Assistance Plan? How much money is he prepared to allocate this year for that purpose?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, Canada Assistance Plan work activity projects involve mainly provincial departments and the Department of National Health and Welfare when provincial departments wish to take advantage of them.

Income Tax Act

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must draw to the attention of hon. members that the question period expired three minutes ago. The hon. member for Fraser Valley West had a supplementary question and he has asked it. I appreciated that he had been trying to ask the question for a little while and therefore allowed him to proceed. However, I think that at this point I should call orders of the day.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I wonder if I might ask the government House leader a question concerning a potential matter of House business. In view of the near unanimity today on the motion of the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich concerning the opposition of the members of this House to the Amchitka underground test, would the government consider filing today a government notice of motion in the very words used by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich so that it could be on the order paper by Friday, which would permit the House to deal with it and thus express its view on this important issue?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to consider the suggestion made by the hon. member, and if I have an opportunity to consult my colleagues within the time in which the notice must be filed I will do that also.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

INCOME TAX ACT

The House resumed, from Monday, September 20, consideration of the motion of Mr. Gray (for Mr. Benson) that Bill C-259, to amend the Income Tax Act and to make certain provisions and alterations in the statute law related to or consequent upon the amendments to that act, be read the second time and referred to the committee of the whole, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) (p. 7763).

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, while I appreciate, as I am sure do all hon. members of the House, the importance of the proposed amendment to Bill C-259 and the importance of Bill C-259 itself, there is another matter which disturbs me a great deal. Members of the government day after day continue to break the law of this country by reason of the non-payment to farmers and to the Wheat Board of the amount due under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Important though that matter may well be, I think the hon. member appreciates that his remarks should be directed to the bill which is now before the House. It is my understanding that its