

*Public Service Collective Bargaining*

indicates remarkable speed considering the great task involved.

In relation to another question asked about amendments to the Financial Administration Act and the Civil Service Act which are necessary as a result of this collective bargaining legislation, I should like to assure hon. members that appropriate legislation will be introduced as soon as that is physically possible. With the indulgence of the house, after this legislation has been given second reading I hope we can move to item No. 53 on the order paper involving the authorization of a joint committee to consider this legislation. It is the plan of the government, when we complete the redistribution debate, to proceed with second reading of this bill and then move to second reading of the two other bills involved. They would then be referred as quickly as possible to the special joint committee so that the necessary legislation can be passed, we hope, by July.

There was only one other point raised which I think I should answer at this time. I refer to the point in respect of the independence of the Public Service Staff Relations Board and the arbitration tribunal about which the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam spoke. I should like to assure the hon. member and the committee that it is the intention of this legislation and of the government that these shall be completely independent bodies appointed for terms which will secure their tenure and make them completely independent of any government influence.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** Mr. Chairman, perhaps the minister will be good enough to answer the two questions I raised in respect of the future roles of the national joint council and the pay research bureau.

**Mr. Benson:** I am prepared to deal with those more fully during second reading of the bill.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall the resolution carry?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall I report the resolution?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. E. J. Benson (for the Prime Minister)** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill

[*Mr. Benson.*]

C-170, respecting employer and employee relations in the public service of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** When shall this bill be read the second time?

[*English*]

**Mr. Knowles:** At the next sitting.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** At the next sitting of the house?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*English*]

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, in order that we may proceed with the naming of the members of the committee I would ask for unanimous consent that we deal now with item No. 53 on today's order paper which simply authorizes the setting up of the committee necessary to examine the legislation now before us.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** That is agreeable.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** Does the house give unanimous consent to deferring private members' hour for the consideration of item No. 53 on today's order paper?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## MOTION TO ESTABLISH JOINT COMMITTEE

**Hon. E. J. Benson (for the Prime Minister)** moved:

That a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons be appointed to inquire into and report upon a measure respecting employer and employee relations in the public service of Canada and upon such other related legislation as may be referred to it by either house; that 24 members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, be members of the joint committee, and that standing order 67(1) of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto; that the said committee have power to call for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses; to report from time to time and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable, and that standing order 66 be suspended in relation thereto; and that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that house to unite with this house for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed joint committee.

Motion agreed to.

● (6:20 p.m.)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** Is it the intention of the house to revert to private members' hour?