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member owned a luxurious yacht, to spend four days at Expo, we could probably reduce the quorum even more.

[English]

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, it is obvious from some of the comments that have been made that the motion before us is only a symptom and that something far more serious is behind it, namely the concern of members about the size of committees and of this one in particular, which has 45 members. In view of the fact that the committee admits that its members do not have sufficient interest to attend its meetings, since it had to meet three times before a quorum was assembled, I believe we should consider the advisability of reducing the quorum of the committee to a reasonable number such as 10 or 12, which would enable it to work more efficiently and would obviate the need of members having to ask each time for a reduction in the quorum.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: On division.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it. I declare the motion carried on division. Motion agreed to on division.

[Translation]

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING POWERS OF BOARD AND CHAIRMAN

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 128, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (Powers of Chairman and of the Board).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Allard: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to enable the chairman of the Canada Labour Relations Board to make a ruling alone when a dispute arises between two or several unions seeking a negotiating agent certificate.

[Mr. Choquette.]

During the discussion of this bill, it will also be suggested that the chairman of the C.L.R.B. be bilingual.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[English]

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

*REQUEST FOR WINTER WORKS POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT

Question No. 48—**Mr. Irvine:**

1. Will the Minister of Manpower and Immigration give some priority to the announcing of his department's policy on the winter works incentive program in order that municipalities may plan and budget in advance?

2. If so, when may such an announcement be expected?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. The timing of decisions about the Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program must be related to the purpose of the program, which is to help to stabilize construction employment through the year.

2. The government of Canada will make known its intentions for the 1967-68 winter at the earliest date that is possible, in relation to the purpose of the program.

[English]

COLOUR TELEVISION SYSTEMS

Question No. 57—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. What colour television systems were considered for use in Canada?

2. What were the comparative cost factors of each system and of colour television sets, which receive each?

3. Which of the systems is more readily recordable on video tape?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The following colour television systems were considered: N.T.S.C., (U.S.A.); SECAM III, (France); PAL, (Federal Republic of Germany).

2. (a) The system cost factors considered for the three systems were: Network transmissions and distribution; Station transmitters; Video tape recording.

The N.T.S.C. system, due to its more stringent technical requirements, is the most costly in terms of the three factors above. The SECAM III system is the most tolerant of deficiencies in the performance of systems and equipment and can, therefore, utilize