

(The following items were agreed to:)

LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND ADVANCES

Industry and Trade and Commerce—
Industry—

L75. Advances, subject to the approval of the Treasury Board, to assist Canadian defence industry with plant modernization in amounts not to exceed one-half of the cost of the acquisition of new equipment, such advances to be recovered on sale of the equipment to defence industry, \$8,000,000.

L80. Loans, under the Adjustment Assistance Program related to the Kennedy Round agreements, in the current and subsequent fiscal years and in accordance with terms and conditions prescribed by the Governor in Council, to assist manufacturers in Canada who have been determined by a board established pursuant to section 15 of the Department of Industry Act:

(a) to be seriously injured or threatened with serious injury by reason of increased imports attributable to Kennedy Round tariff reductions made by Canada resulting in exceptional problems of adjustment; and

(b) to be unable to obtain sufficient financing on reasonable terms from other sources for purposes of making the necessary adjustment, \$10,000,000.

The Chairman: This concludes our consideration of the estimates of the department of industry. It being ten o'clock it is my duty to rise, report certain resolutions, and request leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to the adjournment motion perhaps I can confirm that the business for tomorrow will be second reading of the bill to amend the Customs Tariff.

● (10:00 p.m.)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

NATIONAL PARKS—GLACIER—INQUIRY AS TO LOGGING OPERATIONS

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, on November 26 I directed the following question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Has the government, through the national parks board, announced that logging operations will be allowed in Glacier National Park, and particularly in that section bordering the trans-Canada highway through Rogers pass. If so, when will logging operations begin?

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

At the time Mr. Speaker suggested that the above question ought to be raised at the time of adjournment, and I have taken advantage of the privilege of raising it at this time. I feel that this matter is important and urgent enough to warrant a statement being made by the department concerned. Of course, if the answer to my question is negative, there would be no need for concern over logging in Glacier National Park. Since raising my question last week, however, over logging in Glacier National Park, we had a C.B.C. television program on logging in Algonquin Park, Ontario, which comes under provincial jurisdiction, I believe.

It would appear that the parks boards of both Ontario and the federal government allow logging in their park reserves. It also appears that there is an increasing relaxation of restrictions which were laid down years ago. As the C.B.C. depicted in its television program last night, logging of hardwoods in Algonquin Park has been allowed. The hardwood supplies material for the surrounding mills. Much of this material goes to the furniture manufacturing industry.

Perhaps we should ask why there is a shortage of hardwood stands in eastern Canada. The answer is obvious. Over the years governments, federal and provincial, have never had sound conservation policies in forestry. In these instances the lack of proper forest conservation has caused almost complete exhaustion of commercial stands of hardwoods which are required to keep the sawmills and furniture manufacturing industries alive. The policy has been "Cut out and get out," a weak policy by weak governments that gives the green light to commercial operators to move into our parks where some of the best timber reserves are still left.

May I point out that our national parks have been set aside to preserve for Canadians for all time part of the great natural heritage with which Canada has been so richly endowed. These parklands must be protected at all costs against greedy operators and weak politicians, whether they be in provincial or federal fields, who worship the almighty dollar above everything else.

Glacier National Park sits astride that portion of the trans-Canada highway which goes through Rogers pass. This is the most scenic drive found anywhere in Canada, a veritable tourists' paradise. Under no circumstances must we ever allow commercial logging to mar the beauty of this particularly scenic area.