

really have done. I am indebted to hon. members who have already spoken, particularly to the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot (Mr. Jarvis), and the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert), because I believe they have drawn attention to some of the troublesome points. I, too, have doubts about certain aspects of the measure.

It is possible that we could refer the subject matter to committee. My reluctance in recommending such a course arises only because of the fact that other considerations to be placed before the justice and legal affairs committee this session are likely to take up a great deal of time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The time allotted to consideration of private members' business has expired. I do now leave the chair until eight o'clock p.m.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. The hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Leblanc) rises on a point of order.

[Translation]

Mr. Leblanc (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, I request the unanimous consent of the House to revert to motions.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Does the hon. member have unanimous consent to present the committee report?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Clerk Assistant read the following report:

The Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works has the honour of presenting its first report.

In accordance with its Order of Reference of Thursday, December 1st, 1977, your Committee recommends that it be authorized to travel throughout Canada and that it be accompanied by the staff required.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (Issue No. 9) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,
Fernand E. Leblanc,
Chairman.

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Anti-Inflation Act

ADOPTION OF FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Laurier): I move that the first report of the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works be adopted as read.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

ANTI-INFLATION ACT

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND RANGE OF PERSONS TO WHOM ANTI-INFLATION GUIDELINES APPLY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-18, to amend the Anti-Inflation Act and guidelines, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, let me return to the consideration of Bill C-18 which calls for amendments to the Anti-Inflation Act. I mentioned earlier the effects that long-term controls have had on the Canadian economy and the contribution they have made to high unemployment in this country. It was for this reason that we in the Conservative party proposed short-term controls; that is, to bring uncontrolled government spending under control. This is one of the main causes of inflation and the other economic problems we are facing in Canada today.

Earlier this afternoon I referred to a document prepared by Peter Henry Jerch and Associates, a Winnipeg investment group which has carried out detailed studies to determine why businesses and investment money have been leaving Canada in large numbers. Let me refer to this document again. It states:

Countries or for that matter provinces which have nationalistic, leftist or extremely strong bureaucratic tendencies make striving and successful entrepreneurs feel uncomfortable. They are of course also the one element of business that a region can least afford to lose.

This is the basis of one of our main problems in Canada today. The document goes on to state:

Britain is a good example of a country with bureaucratic tendencies. Italy has been on the brink of ruin for some time and had to formally restrict the outflow of funds: those who were not able to take their money out are however not going to invest it internally either. Germany, Denmark, France, Holland, Sweden and Austria, among others, are countries where those striving and willing to invest have been burned too often in the past. Every time an unfavourable trend develops, rather than burying their head in the sand, their thoughts and aspirations wander to more hospitable climates. For the past two or three years certainly, the trend of investing in or buying businesses, from almost anywhere, has been to do so in the United States. That country is viewed by most successful businessmen as the most hospitable place.

It really does not matter whether the Republicans or the Democrats are in, they welcome business and know there is no substitute for business or investors. There is no point trying to