

Supply—Transport

to the Minister of Labour. My question relates to Bill No. C-2, an act to amend the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act. In view of the fact that this bill is really just an extension of the Canada Labour (Standards) Code and therefore might not occasion much debate, would the minister consult with his colleague the house leader to see whether this bill could be brought on for passing at an early date so that the people who require its protection can get that protection soon?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): I will be glad to discuss that with the house leader, Mr. Speaker.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

RESEARCH INTO POSSIBLE DANGER
FROM PESTICIDES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth): Mr. Speaker, on February 7 I asked the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether or not Canada or his department was taking action concerning aldrin and dieldrin, two dangerous pesticides, as has happened in Washington recently. Can he answer that question now?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the action taken in Washington with respect to these pesticides was to limit their use for specific purposes. This action was taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. No similar action has been taken by this department because it is not the type of action which is normally taken. As my hon. friend realizes, the Department of National Health and Welfare ensures that the amounts of drugs present in pesticide residues are not a hazard to health, and that work is at present going on as usual.

[Translation]

EXPO '67

MONTREAL—POSSIBLE STRIKE OF CON-
STRUCTION WORKERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. E. Régimbal (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Labour.

In spite of assurances to the contrary given by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and by the Expo '67 authorities during the parliamentarians' visit of that site three weeks ago, there is now a possibility of a general strike in the building industry in Montreal which would affect Expo works.

Could the minister tell us what protection we have against this?

[English]

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): For some reason, Mr. Speaker, the hearing device at this desk is not working. I will have to take the question as notice. I heard only about three words.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION RESPECTING
CLAIMS COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. When may we expect the introduction in the house of a bill regarding the Indian claims commission? When the minister answers that question perhaps he might also indicate whether that bill has been delayed up to now by revision of any previous bill.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, the delay that has eventuated has had more than one cause. It has come from the quarters with which my hon. friend and myself are familiar namely, the province of British Columbia, where the Indian people seem to prefer to take a concentrated second look before proceeding. Some Indians of British Columbia indicated they would prefer to consider their particular position in negotiation prior to introduction of the bill. I have told the legal adviser of the Indians in the province of British Columbia that I am prepared to discuss with them this subject, and I have had a preliminary meeting with him, before any action is taken.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, may I have this question clarified. Did I understand the minister to say that he has had a preliminary discussion with legal counsel for the Indian people of British Columbia with respect to negotiations over the land question? Is that what he meant?

Mr. Laing: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think I can safely say that.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

1. Departmental administration, \$4,862,900.

The Chairman: Order. House again in committee of supply. Estimates of the Department of Transport for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1966, vote No. 1. Shall the item carry?