

Excise Tax Act

commission and, if not, when does he expect to set it up?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I hope to introduce legislation after Christmas.

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. May I ask him whether the new chairman of the Cape Breton Development Corporation has been appointed and, if not, when we may expect such appointment?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, he has not yet been chosen. As soon as we find someone whose qualifications are at least comparable to those of Mr. Fullerton, we shall appoint him. However, I cannot give any indications in this regard at the present time.

[English]

HIRING OF EMPLOYEES FROM OVERSEAS

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question with respect to Devco. Last week I asked the minister whether he would examine the question of hiring employees from overseas. Has he looked into the matter and can he suggest any remedy?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, there has been a freeze on hirings at Devco as well as in most government departments and Crown Corporations for over a year. In fact, only one person has been hired, this was an immigrant who had been in Canada for over six months and who was a supervisor. I do not have any further information about the hiring of foreigners at Devco.

[English]

Mr. MacInnis: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Prime Minister something to say?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question period is just about to expire.

Mr. MacInnis: I would ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to get in touch

with the Prime Minister who has a letter of complaint concerning these hirings. The person mentioned by the minister has not been in Cape Breton for the last six months.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question period has expired.

• (3:10 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

EXCISE TAX ACT

The House resumed from Tuesday, November 25, consideration in committee of Bill C-155, to amend the Excise Tax Act—Mr. Gray (for the Minister of Finance)—Mr. Faulkner in the chair.

The Chairman: Order, please. House again in committee of the whole on Bill C-155, to amend the Excise Tax Act. When the committee rose on Tuesday, November 25, 1969, clause 1 of the bill was being considered.

On clause 1—Definitions.

Mr. Gray: Mr. Chairman, yesterday evening when we were in committee the hon. member for Edmonton West made what I think is a very constructive suggestion as to our method of study of the bill before us. He drew to the attention of the committee the fact that clause 1 actually contains the major parts of the tax proposal in question. Clause 1 calls for the addition of a new Part II to the Excise Tax Act, and the new Part II is divided into a number of clauses. As I understand my hon. friend's proposal, it is that we deal with each of the clauses or paragraphs of the proposed new Part II in order and that we do not begin our discussion on any later clause or paragraph in Part II until we have concluded the discussion on the earlier paragraphs or clauses in question. I believe that is the procedure the committee used in the past when similar bills were being considered.

The Chairman: Is it agreed that we proceed in this way?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: The discussion will begin on paragraph 8 (a)(1) of clause 1.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Chairman, in considering paragraph 8 it seems to me that we need some clarification as to just what type of air carrier will be caught by the provisions of the bill as it is drafted. We