CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NAMES OF CANADA PENSION PLAN AUTHORITIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN ESTABLISHING PRERETIREMENT SCHEME

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Will the minister secure from Devco the names of the Canada Pension Plan authorities who acted with the Devco people in setting up their so-called preretirement leave scheme?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I will ask that the names be obtained. In view of the fact that the Canada Pension Plan is involved, possibly the names would be more easily obtained from the Minister of National Health and Welfare or the minister through whom Devco reports to the House of Commons.

Mr. MacInnis: I rise on a question of privilege. I do not wish to continue to tell the minister what his business is. The Min ster of National Health and Welfare failed to answer this question when it was directed to him. The Canada Pension Plan does not come under the administration of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. The Canada Labour (Standards) Code comes under this minister. This is the only law which can be used to require that information. If the minister no longer has authority over the Canada Labour (Standards) Code, what does he do around here?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether this is a question of privilege. We went through this battle last week. I do not think it should be allowed to develop as a question of privilege. I suggest to the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond that it is not a question of privilege, and I am sure the minister will recognize this. To whom the question should be directed is something which might be considered in due course, but I suggest to hon. members that there is not much point in pursuing the matter in view of the fact that there are only two minutes left before the end of the question period.

Mr. Mackasey: Maybe the hon. member is entitled to an apology. I thought he was referring to the Canada Pension Plan, but I now believe he was referring to the Canada Labour (Standards) Code. He is right. That is my responsibility.

Mr. MacInnis: On the same point, if a member of the opposition, or any member of the House requests information from a corporation in this country and cannot secure it, the only way in which he can get it is through the Canada Labour (Standards) Code from the minister. In view of the fact that the other minister has refused—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

LAKEHEAD GRAIN HANDLERS DISPUTE—INQUIRY AS TO SETTLEMENT

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Can the hon. gen-

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tleman say whether the grain handler's strike at Thunder Bay has been settled?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that the dispute at the Lakehead involving the grain handlers has been settled at the conciliation board stage. I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the members of the conciliation board for arriving at what I think is a very fair and equitable settlement.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have noticed some hon. members dutifully rising during the whole of the question period, including the hon. member for Churchill, the hon. member for Mackenzie, the hon. member for Simcoe North and a few others. I have made a note and will try to give them preference when we reach the question period tomorrow. Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT, 1970

PROVISIONS RESPECTING DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZA-TION, MINISTRIES OF STATE, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES, ETC.

The House resumed from Friday, March 26, consideration in committee of Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto—Mr. Trudeau—Mr. Honey in the chair.

On clause 8-Energy, Mines and Resources

The Chairman: When the committee rose on Friday, March 26, clause eight of the bill was being considered. Shall clause eight carry?

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Chairman, I was interested in the discussion which took place on Friday last and I welcome the opportunity to take part in the debate today, particularly since the subject has to do with the area opened up by my hon. friend from Northumberland-Colchester North, that is to say, the whole question of the realization of the energy potential of the Bay of Fundy in terms of the generation of electricity and other economic advantages.

In a sense, I want to pick up where my hon. friend left off and to bring one or two further points to the attention of the committee. In this connection, I should like to refer first of all to an article by the Associated Press, under a United Nations dateline, dealing with a report recently released for the use of the United Nations. This report strongly suggests that the way in which to give the world sufficient pollution-free power is to take account of the energy offered by tidal systems and tidal rivers, for example, the Bay of Fundy. The report lists a number of tidal power sites in Canada, the United States, Britain, India, Australia, the Soviet Union and Argentina. It refers specifically to the tidal power development at St. Malo, in France, and notes that cheaper construction