

Routine Proceedings

Staff Relations Act (prohibition of strike and lockout in the Public Service).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Attewell: Mr. Speaker, the thrust of my private member's bill will be to preclude any future strikes by the civil service. This will be achieved by declaring all government services essential.

There are thousands of hard working, loyal civil servants, but many Canadians are fed up with the attitude of the more militant civil servants. Civil servants enjoy fully indexed pensions, good salaries and relatively secure jobs, but every few years they hijack Canadians by calling a strike thereby causing harm and anxiety to thousands of Canadians.

My bill would remedy this problem and I am pleased that my colleague, the hon. member for Mississauga South, is going to second my bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Attewell moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed to have been adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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MIDDLE EAST

PEACE CONFERENCE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions and I think you will find unanimous consent to move the following motion. I move:

That this House express its sincere hope for a successful Middle East peace conference. It calls on all participants to be open, flexible and understanding of each others' interests and fears, and prays for all who sit at the peace table, the wisdom to combine justice, security and stability for the entire region.

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Official Opposition, I have the pleasure to second the motion. I think we want the principal players to know that other Parliaments around the world wish them success in this very historical conference. We hope that the outcome of this conference will bring long

lasting peace, security and safety for the peoples of all of those regions.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lapierre: Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate the hon. member for tabling this motion. I believe that, for the whole international community, the Madrid Conference is an historic event. We hope that this vexing dispute, which has upset that part of the world for so long, will be settled. Of course, we urge all the parties to put aside their historical rivalries, for the sake of human dignity and the right of people to exist and manage their own lives. We hope this conference will bring positive results for the greater good of all humanity.

[*English*]

Mr. Benno Friesen (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in discussing this motion with the member for Winnipeg Transcona, I do want to take a moment to compliment him on the motion and to say that, speaking on behalf of the government, we fully endorse the views expressed in this motion. We recognize that while this is seen as a miracle—we should see it that way—it is also the result of very difficult and painstaking work on behalf of many people around the world bringing opposite sides together.

We do pray that they will find a meaningful, lasting peace as a result of these meetings.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Leblanc: Mr. Speaker, I support this motion because, for at least 45 years, Arabs and Jews have been trying with great difficulty to talk to each other.

I would like to congratulate those who were instrumental in setting up that committee. It is good to see people sit down together and discuss things. Of course, I hope that the results will be positive for peace in the world.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.