PENSION PLAN—DEDUCTIONS AND INTEGRATION

Motion No. 77-Mr. Bell (Carleton):

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of any Treasury Board minutes and/or letters of instructions or advice issued by any officer of Treasury Board since the 1st of September, 1965, with respect to the deduction of Canada Pension Plan contributions from the salaries or wages of members of the public service, the loan of equivalent amounts to such members of the public service, the deduction of Canada Pension Plan contributions from increases in salaries or wages paid in 1966 to public servants for periods in 1965, or otherwise dealing with the techniques proposed of integrating the Canada Pension Plan and the Public Service Superannuation Act or other superannuation acts applicable to public servants.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I have discussed this motion with the hon. member for Carleton. I have indicated to him that all the documents requested ordinarily would be considered privileged. I believe he will agree to withdraw this motion.

Hon. R. A. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the minister has convinced me that a bad precedent might be established by the passage of this motion. I want to avoid bad precedents, since I expect to be sitting on the government side of the house within a short period. Accordingly, sir, I ask leave to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Has the hon, member leave to withdraw that motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Mr. Jack A. Irvine (London): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I should like to know through you or through the minister when I might have an answer to question No. 766, which has been on the order paper now for over 70 days. Also, when might I get an answer to question No. 48, which tomorrow will have been on the order paper for 100 days. That is a little too long, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I have had a question on the order paper since January 21.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May I draw to the attention of hon. members who have just spoken that we are not now on the subject of questions, but that we have moved on to notices of motions for the production of documents.

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[Translation]

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, I move that the other notices of motion stand.

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, there is a notice of motion dated March 21 under the name of my colleague the hon. member for Compton-Frontenac (Mr. Latulippe) which has not been mentioned since March 21. I wonder whether the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State could tell us when notice of motion No. 113 will be mentioned. Is it the intention to forget it or to reply one of these days?

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, I spoke to the hon. member for Compton-Frontenac on this matter, and in view of the rather long reply involved, the hon. member informed me that he intended to wait in order to obtain complete information on the question.

[English]

Mr. Smallwood: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I have had a question on the order paper since January 21, and another question on the order paper since January 28. Those are both questions directed to the Minister of Justice. I should like to draw the attention of the Prime Minister and of the Minister of Justice to this fact. It is important that I have answers to these questions. If these questions cannot be answered, the Prime Minister either ought to say so or get another Minister of Justice who would answer them.

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. On January 20 I asked the Prime Minister a question which you ruled should be put on the order paper. That became question No. 228, and has been on the order paper since January 24. I ask the Prime Minister when I might expect an answer to this question.

[Translation]

Mr. Béchard: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I must say that, as of Monday of this week, we had answered 89.5 per cent of the questions placed on the order paper since the beginning of this session.

Mr. Lambert: That means nothing.

[English]

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, while we are discussing questions—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should not judge by appearances. We are not on questions at the moment.