

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

TORONTO-WINNIPEG PASSENGER SERVICE REDUCTION—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the House for unanimous consent to move a motion under Standing Order 43. The CNR has announced that one of its two daily trains between Toronto and Winnipeg may be withdrawn on January 31, 1971. Therefore I wish to move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls upon the government to urge the CNR to halt its proposed stoppage of this vitally important passenger transportation service.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 unanimous consent is required. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent to put the motion at this time.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND DISPUTES
INVESTIGATION ACT

PROVISIONS RESPECTING PAYMENT OF DUES BY
NON-UNION EMPLOYEES, STATUS IN
DECERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-209, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the intent of the bill is to permit an employee working in a plant or operation which has a certified bargaining agent or union attached to it to refrain from joining or to cease to be a member of that particular union without risk thereby of losing his employment, provided he pays to the union under the Rand formula concept an amount equal to the regular dues in effect from time to time. It also provides that in any decertification process such employees who opt out pursuant to the provisions of the bill are not to be considered to be taken or taken into account as employees for the purposes of the decertification process.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Inquiries of the Ministry

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING VALUE OF GOODS STOLEN IN
RELATION TO PUNISHMENT FOR THEFT

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North) moved the first reading of Bill S-8 (from the Senate), to amend the Criminal Code.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—EASING OF QUALIFICATIONS
FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a question relating to unemployment. As it is now indicated by the unemployment figures that perhaps some 77,000 of the unemployed are not receiving unemployment insurance benefits, and in view of the general agreement that it is going to be quite a difficult winter in terms of unemployment, will the Prime Minister not undertake to re-examine the question as to the advisability of some amendment of the laws relating to unemployment insurance to provide, at least on an interim basis, some easing of the qualifications for unemployment insurance assistance this winter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am not aware of these figures, Mr. Speaker. I shall ask the Minister of Labour to look into the matter.

INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—
INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister has had a day to reflect upon the seriousness of the scale of unemployment among Canadian youth and to consider the adequacy of present policies with regard to employment of Canadian youth. Is the Prime Minister now in a position to offer to the unemployed youth of Canada some hope that new approaches will be adopted other than those indicated by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration yesterday?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition has had a day to reflect upon my answer. I suggested to him that in our general fiscal and monetary policies it is hard to suggest they should discriminate against the aged people in favour of youth. They apply, of course, to all citizens.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I think the Prime Minister is genuinely concerned about disaffection amongst Canadian youth and about preventing civil unrest. Will he instruct his ministers to examine this problem and the prospects for Canadian youth in the coming year or so with a view to taking adequate measures to reduce this inhumane and dangerous treatment of our youth?