

*Maintenance of Ports Operations Act, 1986*

**Mr. Mazankowski:** I can give the Hon. Member that assurance. If he does find some technical error, I assure him that I will make that correction.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: List referred to above is as follows:*]

*To the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:*

Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Votes 15a, 20a, 30a, 50a, and L56a.

*To the Standing Committee on Agriculture:*

Agriculture, Vote 15a.

*To the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture:*

Communications, Votes 5a, 10a, 25a, 45a, 65a, 70a and 80a.

*To the Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources:*

Energy, Mines and Resources, Votes L31a and 55a.

*To the Standing Committee on Environment and Forestry:*

Agriculture, Votes 20a, 25a and 30a.

Environment, Votes 1a, 10a and 15a.

*To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade:*

External Affairs, Votes 1a, 5a, 10a, L16a, 20a, 30a, 35a, L45a and 60a.

*To the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs:*

Finance, Vote 40a.

*To the Standing Committee on Government Operations:*

Public Works, Votes 35a and 40a.

Supply and Services, Vote 1a.

Treasury Board, Vote 21a.

*To the Standing Committee on Human Rights:*

Justice, Vote 10a.

*To the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General:*

Justice, Votes 1a, 5a, 25a and 40a.

Solicitor General, Votes 1a and 10a.

*To the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration:*

Employment and Immigration, Votes 1a, 5a, 15a, 20a, 25a and 30a.

Labour, Votes 1a and 5a.

*To the Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services:*

Parliament, Vote 5a.

*To the Standing Committee on National Defence:*

National Defence, Votes 5a and 10a.

*To the Standing Committee on National Health and Welfare:*

National Health and Welfare, Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 25a, 35a and 80a.

*To the Standing Committee on Regional Industrial Expansion:*

Regional Industrial Expansion, Votes 2a, 10a, 15a, L25a and L26a.

*To the Standing Committee on Research, Science and Technology:*

Science and Technology, Votes 1a, 15a and 20a.

*To the Standing Committee on Secretary of State:*

Secretary of State, Votes 5a and 25a.

*To the Standing Committee on Transport:*

Transport, Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 30a, 40a and 63a.

Motion agreed to.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

## MAINTENANCE OF PORTS OPERATIONS ACT, 1986

## MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Monday, November 17, consideration of the motion of Mr. Cadieux that Bill C-24, an Act to provide for the maintenance of ports operations, be read a second time and by unanimous consent, referred to Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. Speaker:** When the debate on Bill C-24 was interrupted last evening at six o'clock p.m. the Hon. Member for Mission—Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) had completed his speech.

I will now recognize Hon. Members who wish to participate in the 10-minute question and comment period following the Hon. Member's speech.

There being no questions or comments, on debate, the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps).

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, obviously we have not had a great deal of time to review the proposed legislation which was only tabled in the House yesterday and received in our offices at approximately 10.15 a.m. yesterday.

There are a number of points that I wish to make. One point that jumped out when I read the Bill, and I think it would probably impress itself upon all Members, is that in Clause 13(2) when the Minister invokes prohibition against unions or employers for breaking the regulations as set out in this new Bill:

No officer or representative of a union who is convicted of an offence under this Act that was committed while the officer or representative was acting in that capacity shall be employed in any capacity by, or act as an officer or representative of, the union at any time during the five years immediately after the date of the conviction.

For some reason there is no such application against the employer. If this legislation is intended to bring an even hand to a difficult situation, in Clause 13(1) why did the Government see fit to apply the offence prohibitions against the individual, the union, or the company? Yet in Clause 13(2) the only people who stand to lose their jobs for five years are representatives of the union? This is clearly an indication of the anti-union sentiment and anti-union mentality of this Government.

Furthermore, there is one way of adding some sense of balance to the Act. Those Members who are from British Columbia will want to take a specific look at Clause 13(2). If there is an obligation imposed to respect the law, that obligation should be imposed on both sides. At the very least, there should be an amendment coming from the Government which includes similar sanctions against the employer.

In reviewing the legislation imposed by previous Governments, for example, the Shipping Continuation Act of 1978, an