

Mr. Béchard, Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State, presented,
—Returns to the foregoing Orders.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed resolution to establish a system of collective bargaining applicable to employees in the public service of Canada.

(In the Committee)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the establishment of a system of collective bargaining applicable to employees in the public service of Canada and for the resolution of disputes that may arise in the negotiation or conclusion of collective agreements applicable to such employees; to establish a process for the presentation of grievances of employees arising in connection with their employment and to establish a system for the adjudication of grievances of employees; to provide for the establishment of a board, to be known as the Public Service Staff Relations Board, which shall be responsible for the administration of the said measure and to provide further for the constitution and appointment of such other authorities, officers and employees as are required in connection with the administration of the said measure.

Resolution to be reported.

The said resolution was reported and concurred in.

Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Benson, by leave of the House, presented Bill C-170, An Act respecting employer and employee relations in the Public Service of Canada, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Benson for Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Pickersgill, it was resolved,—That a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons be appointed to enquire into and report upon a measure respecting employer and employee relations in the Public Service of Canada and upon such other related legislation as may be referred to it by either House; that twenty-four members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, be members of the joint committee, and that standing order 67(1) of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto; that the said committee have power to call for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses; to report from time to time and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable, and that standing order 66 be suspended in relation thereto; and that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed joint committee.

By unanimous consent, the House reverted to "Motions".

On motion of Mr. Pilon, seconded by Mr. McNulty, it was ordered,—That the name of Mr. Chatterton be substituted for that of Mr. Horner (The Battlefords) on the Standing Committee for Veterans Affairs.