

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 30, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

TABLING OF HANDBOOK, "CANADA"

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the practice adopted last year and in response to the wish that you expressed in 1968 that the publication of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics entitled *Canada* be made available as quickly as possible, I have the pleasure of tabling today copies of that publication in both official languages pursuant to Standing Order 41(2).

The Canada Yearbook is not yet available, but it probably will be towards the end of the summer.

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[English]

CANADA CANCER FOUNDATION

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPORATION

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-245, respecting cancer research.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Badanai: Mr. Speaker, today being the last day of April, designated as cancer month, I have the privilege to move the introduction of a private bill which I hope will commend itself not only to hon. members but to all Canadians, and particularly to the government.

The purpose of this bill is to focus the attention of all people on the necessity of research to arrest the dreadful disease of cancer. This bill establishes the Canada Cancer Foundation.

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

● (11:10 a.m.)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS—ACHIEVEMENT OF FULL EMPLOYMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether it is the

intention of the government to make a statement setting forth its strategy for developing the economy of the country and providing adequate employment opportunities, particularly in view of the grave concern expressed by one of its own ministers in the most dramatic way available to him, by resigning, and the consequent creation of deep disquiet in the country on this whole subject.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we shall make a statement at the time of the budget.

Mr. Stanfield: Will the Prime Minister also disclose to the House whether the government has any timetable with regard to the achieving of full employment, whether it be defined for convenience as 3, 3½ or 4 per cent unemployment? I ask this question in view of the concern expressed by the chairman of the Economic Council of Canada and the length of time the chairman has indicated the achievement of full employment will take under the government's present policies.

Mr. Trudeau: Now that the New Democratic Party and the Conservative party have defined full employment as 4 per cent unemployment, we will consider the matter.

Mr. Stanfield: I made no such definition. I was simply giving the Prime Minister a little latitude. I should like to ask the Prime Minister, finally, whether there is as much disagreement within his government on the subject of economic policies as there has obviously been with regard to the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Leader of the Opposition's supplementary question has argumentative overtones.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Would the Prime Minister define for the House and the country what he considers to be full employment?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me the hon. member's question is not in order. He invites the Prime Minister to express an opinion as to a definition. He asks what the Prime Minister considers to be full employment. It seems to me that is the kind of question which might be asked as part of a debate but not one which can be accepted at this time. The hon. member might attempt to rephrase the question.

Mr. McGrath: Yes, Mr. Speaker. If the government has a policy aimed at full employment, would the Prime Minister indicate what the government considers to be an acceptable level of unemployment?

Mr. Trudeau: As I said in answer to the first question, in the budget speech our views on this will be made known as they have in the past.