

Centre (Mr. McKenzie)—External Affairs—Garrison water diversion project—Federal representation at meeting between North Dakota and Manitoba governments—Government position.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members business, as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions (papers), private bills and public bills.

## PRIVATE BILLS

[English]

EASTERN CANADA SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Mr. S. Victor Railton (Welland)** moved that Bill C-264, respecting the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church of America, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this will not take long, I am sure. It is a request to bring Bill C-264 before the House and obtain consent for this bill to be sent to committee. The request is made by the Eastern Synod of the Lutheran Church of Canada. The statute of 1885 which incorporated the synod restricted their investments. Recently, a large sum of money was given them which they think would be used better if they obtained a little more interest. In this way they could do more work for the church and for their foreign missions. I believe this is so, and I think that the investment should be carried out in the same manner as investments made by any institution such as, for example, an insurance company. However, this can all be discussed in committee, and I would simply ask the House to give the bill second reading so that it may proceed in the usual way.

● (1700)

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** If there are no further statements, I will put the motion.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** We will now proceed to public bills.

**Mr. Foster:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I believe there is general agreement to proceed with Bill C-104 standing in the name of the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle).

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Canada Labour Code Amendment

## PRIVATE MEMBERS PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

### CANADA LABOUR CODE

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST COMPULSORY UNION MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES DEDUCTIONS

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River)** moved that Bill C-104, to amend the Canada Labour Code, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak on the subject of Bill C-104, an act to amend the Canada Labour Code. May I say that I do so against the advice of my friends and supporters, against the advice of my business colleagues, against the advice of my solicitor, and I have not even checked it out with my colleagues in the House of Commons. However, Mr. Speaker, I will put those who are timid and afraid at ease at once by saying my comments are not directed against labour unions in Canada. They are directed against businessmen and politicians who, in the interests of political expediency, in the interests of profits, have sold our Canadian labour force down the drain. They have done so, first of all, by allowing giant unions from outside our country to gain a stranglehold on our Canadian work force, but only in the most lucrative sectors of employment and only in the industries that can support the demands made by these giant international unions.

I would like to state that my argument is not based on one-sided experience. I have been a member of the International Woodworkers of America, and for a great number of years I have been a member of that other great union, the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Of late, however, I have gathered experience on the other side of the fence, and it is about this fence that I wish to talk.

It is this fence which keeps people of good will, of common goals and common interests, divided here in Canada. It is this artificial barrier that makes people on both sides set off on a course of confrontation and open warfare. It is this fence that prevents us from sitting together as intelligent people in an attempt to solve some of the great problems facing our nation, problems not at all related to everyday business-labour relations, but problems directly resulting from this warfare and confrontation raging within our country. I blame these barricades directly for part of the inflation which has become a serious threat to the survival of our monetary system, and for their effect on our cost of living which has such devastating effects on Canadians who do not have access to membership in a union or business and, as a result, cannot use the tool of lobbying or political pressure to further their aims.

The lack of a national identity is a direct result of this barrier, because we have nothing to offer our society to identify with as long as the smartest people in our land live on two sides of a fence, in open conflict with each other, and using every means at their disposal, but most of all politics. Political philosophies have become distorted by this confrontation, as we have resorted to identifying one side or the other with capitalism or communism.

We are confronted with strikes and picket lines because, as a government, we have not insisted on effective tools to