

take other means to convey the answers to those who asked questions which I consider as less important.

The main point, Mr. Speaker, is that it is suggested that under the new manpower training program, there will be less training in Canada this year than last year.

I think that some members and especially the member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin) pointed out that at a certain time during the year there were fewer people in training than last year. They are right and I gave them the reason. Of course, it is because of the period of the year but especially because of negotiations taking place between the provinces and the federal government. I can assure all those who follow this problem very closely, and rightly so, that for next year—and here, I am not making arbitrary forecasts—we signed with the provinces for at least 8 million hours of training, that is for 135,000 persons in Canada, plus 82,000 who were already in training on April 1, under the former program, which means that more than 200,000 persons will be trained next year, and that under a formal agreement signed with each province. That, Mr. Speaker, is more people than we ever have in the past. It is three times the number there was when the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Starr), was heading that department. It is three times as much as in 1963.

I understand the concern of the members of the house, Mr. Speaker. It is a new program, there are uncertainties as there are also in the field of immigration. New regulations are being put into force, I am not blaming anyone for asking himself questions but I think that some hon. members are really too hard at this time when those legislative innovations are barely a few months old.

In any event, I will take the time to answer those questions in detail. For instance, under the new manpower program, the jurisdiction is clearly divided between the provinces and the federal government. That has not been understood.

Therefore, there are groups of workers, of unemployed or of trained persons who, in the past, came under program No. 5 and who come now under provincial responsibility. Now, that distinction may not be readily admitted, but it is actually included in the new legislation. I hope to have another opportunity to restate the underlying principles of our programs.

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The Indians, for instance, are in that case. They have a rather special status in Canada, and the federal government has a special role to play with regard to them, in that it carries out provincial responsibilities, but under the manpower program only, Indians are placed on the same footing as other Canadians by my department, and not by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. And it is the same thing for immigrants.

At any rate, Mr. Speaker. I want to conclude my remarks at once with regard to the amendment. Since it is strictly an advisory council which has no other power than to advise the minister, I do not see why as suggested by the hon. member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) we should ask that council to report directly to the house. All the information which the council has in hand, the house could get from the minister, on other occasions. The crown corporations or government agencies which the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. McCleave) has listed, are all corporations with an executive power while this council is simply an advisory council to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Mr. Speaker, even if I am convinced that the amendment is submitted in an effort to help and not to hinder the department unnecessarily, I think that it would complicate the legislation and change the nature of the council if the house agreed to send the bill back to the committee of the whole and to agree to the amendment of the hon. member for Halifax.

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** Is the house ready for the question?

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. McCleave) which was negated on the following division:

● (10:00 p.m.)

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Messrs:

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Alkenbrack	Dionne
Asselin (Charlevoix)	Douglas
Ballard	Flemming
Barnett	Fulton
Bell (Carleton)	Gauthier
Bell (Saint John-Albert)	Germa
Bower	Gilbert
Brewin	Godin
Cadieu (Meadow Lake)	Graffey
Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands)	Grills
Churchill	Harkness
Coates	Horne (The Battledords)
	Howard
	Irvine