

ended so that consideration of Bill C-207 may be continued between 5 o'clock p.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. that day, and that not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 1971, every question necessary to dispose of the bill in Committee of the Whole shall be forthwith and successively put without further debate or amendment, and that the House shall immediately thereafter proceed to its consideration of all remaining stages of the bill, and that the House shall not adjourn that day at 6 o'clock p.m. and that, not later than 7 o'clock p.m. in the sitting, every question necessary to dispose of all remaining stages of the bill shall be forthwith and successively put without further debate or amendment;

That, in Committee of the Whole on the said bill, a minister shall propose amendments to provide

(a) that the Minister of the Environment is also the Minister of Fisheries;

(b) that clause 17 be deleted; and

(c) that the establishment of a Ministry of State shall be subject to the adoption of a resolution of the House, which shall be decided upon after not more than a specific period of debate;

And that, in relation to the proposed establishment of Ministries of State for Urban Affairs and Housing and for Science and Technology, no more than one spokesman from each party shall participate in the debate on each of the said proposed resolutions notwithstanding general provisions relating to the approval of such ministries in Bill C-207.

An hon. Member: What a retreat!

Mr. MacEachen: I may say I have never enjoyed any retreat so much.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, this was not a retreat but a great victory for Parliament. I am glad to say that we are agreeable to the general principles. As far as paragraph (c) is concerned, I will not ask the minister to indicate the terms of the various amendments that will be moved, but there has been an understanding between all the parties involved as to what the purport of the amendment in question will be. We are all agreed on what the amendment will be. Apart from that, may I say we are very pleased to resolve this problem. I think it shows that Prime Ministers may come and Prime Ministers may go, but Parliament goes on.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, rather than use such words as "retreat" or "victory", may I say this is another demonstration of the value of collective bargaining. We have had some lengthy sessions at the bargaining table and there has been give and take on all sides. The document that the minister has just read represents the position at which we arrived, and we agree with it.

[Translation]

Mr. Romuald Rodrigue (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, as the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) has just announced, we held discussions in order to come to an agreement to resume consideration of Bill C-207. Our party therefore supports the motion to resume consideration of this bill, so that it can be put through the House as soon as possible.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. members have heard the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) and I

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think there would be unanimous agreement that the House would not want the Chair to repeat the terms of the suggestion proposed by the minister and agreed to by the House leaders. Subject to the small reservation of the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), is it agreed that a special order shall be made in the terms of the order read by the President of the Privy Council?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is so ordered.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

INDIAN AFFAIRS—NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—ALLEGED BIGOTRY OF SUPERVISORS IN NOT ENSURING JOBS FOR NATIVE PEOPLE

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, on February 9 I directed two questions to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chrétien). First of all, I asked whether he would look into the charge made at a meeting of the Northwest Territories Council that the minister's department was hiring supervisors who were bigots and ill-disposed to the Eskimo people of the Northwest Territories. I must say that the charge was actually levelled against supervisors working for the Department of Transport.

Then I asked a supplementary question of the minister, whether he would investigate the claim that a very high percentage of those employed on drilling crews, for which not much skill is required, are being recruited in southern Canada instead of from the native people in the territory. The minister replied simply that a trade school was established at Edmonton several years ago and that as more people are trained they would be hired.

My questions arose from a report which appeared in the *Globe and Mail* of February 9 which referred to a speech made by Weldy Phipps, a member of the Northwest Territories Council, in which Mr. Phipps asked the council to support a brief which he proposed to submit to the federal Advisory Committee on Northern Development "detailing the lack of employment of local labor". The report says that the motion was passed unanimously. What Mr. Phipps said is a pretty damning piece of information. The article reads:

The department often hired supervisors who were "thinly disguised bigots who scorn the Eskimo," said Mr. Phipps, elected member of the council for the High Arctic.

The article points out that Mr. Phipps told the council that the federal government, and to some extent the territorial government, contribute to high unemployment in the High Arctic. Mr. Phipps stated:

Its deficiencies in hiring Eskimos, Indians and Metis are not ones of a few unrelated incidents, but almost seem to be the government's practice.