

Inquiries of the Ministry

house will deal with a matter of such great importance without the legislation having to go back to committee.

Mr. MacDonald (Prince): A further supplementary question to the Prime Minister. I wonder whether the Prime Minister would give consideration to this matter with his colleagues in light of the interest of many parties who are directly involved with broadcasting and are anxious to deal with the specific legislation before the broadcasting committee when that legislation is brought into this house, if this is to be done next week.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss the matter with the Secretary of State. However, as my hon. friend knows the committee has gone into this matter in great detail, and I believe witnesses have been called. It might meet the wish of the house to deal with the legislation in committee of the whole, but I will be glad to discuss the matter with the Secretary of State.

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Since the right hon. gentleman and the Secretary of State appear to be settling most of the problems for the C.B.C., perhaps he can tell me today when they will be building that television station in Saskatoon.

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add to what I said on this matter yesterday, which I think was not very satisfactory to my hon. friend. However, I hope to make a more satisfactory statement before long.

OLD AGE SECURITY**INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE INCREASE
IN PENSIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of increases that have taken place in the cost of living, and in view of the amendment respecting this matter which was written into the Old Age Security Act in 1965, has it been determined that there will be an increase in old age pensions this coming January and, if so, by what amount?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that the question as asked is much too general in nature, and I do not think it can be asked at this time.

Mr. Knowles: Ten o'clock.

[Miss LaMarsh.]

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS**INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF
LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): I wish to put a question to the Minister of Labour in reference to several grievances raised by the C.N.T.U. as a result of a ruling by the Canada Labour Relations Board.

Is the minister in a position to inform the house whether the government intends to introduce a bill to amend federal legislation on units of negotiations?

[English]

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, during the summer adjournment I did announce on behalf of the government that it was our intention at the resumed session this fall to introduce a bill proposing certain amendments to the Canada labour relations act. It is our intention to do so, and we hope the bill will be before the house in the not too far distant future. Its contents will be disclosed at that time.

**MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION
COUNCIL****PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS,
ADVISORY BOARDS, ETC.**

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-150, to establish a Canada manpower and immigration council.

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, there is a very glaring deficiency in the bill now before us. I had hoped that the minister would speak first in the debate and indicate that this weakness would be cured. Since he did not do so I draw it to the attention of the minister of the house immediately so that we may deal with it when we consider the bill in committee.

The weakness is that there is no connection whatever between the operations of this new and somewhat sprawling bureaucracy being created by the bill and this House of Commons, parliament itself. This should be cured, and I hope that the minister will accept the cure when at a later stage I move on behalf of the official opposition that the new manpower and immigration council be required to report to parliament, the source of its power, the source of the funds which will keep it in