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The Kennedy Round negotiations would appear to provide considerable potential benefit for Canada's export trade and the Canadian economy. However, great care should be taken in the drafting of the Canadian legislation based on the new international anti-dumping code to ensure that interests of Canadian manufacturers, workers and farmers are adequately protected. Your Committee recommends that the bill relating to this code be referred to this Committee for study in order that it may hear the views of those concerned.

While the question of non-tariff barriers was not specifically included in the Committee's Order of Reference, the matter came up from time to time in the course of the hearings. It is the view of the Committee that the Government should take cognizance of the danger that such trade barriers could possibly impede the beneficial aims of the Kennedy Round agreement. Therefore your Committee recommends that the Government should intensify its efforts to deal with existing non-tariff barriers and also be prepared to counteract any new non-tariff barriers that may be created in order to ensure that Canadian industry and agriculture are not at a competitive disadvantage.

Your Committee also recommends that the Government pay close attention to the manner of operation of the Adjustment Assistance and Machinery Programmes to ensure that their aims with respect to furthering the best interests of labour and business in Canada are in fact being met and, for this purpose, that these programmes be reviewed from time to time by this Committee.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (Issues Nos. 12 to 25 inclusive) is tabled.

(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 23 to the Journals).

Mr. Nicholson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of document, dated February 29, 1968, relating to the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Justice Arthur I. Smith of the City of Montreal, Quebec, as an Industrial Inquiry Commission to inquire into certain conditions, conduct and matters giving rise to labour unrest at the Ports of Montreal, Trois-Rivières and Quebec, P.Q. (English and French).

On motion of Mr. Pilon, seconded by Mr. Matheson, it was ordered,— That the name of Mr. MacRae be substituted for that of Mr. Churchill on the Standing Committee on National Defence.

On motion of Mr. Pilon, seconded by Mr. Matheson, it was ordered,—That the name of Mr. Leboe be substituted for that of Mr. Patterson on the Standing Committee on Labour and Employment.

Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Prittie, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-203, An Act to amend the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Act, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.