

minute will cost only \$2.45 instead of \$3. Where applicable, night and Sunday rates for person-to-person calls will remain at \$9 for the first three minutes, but each additional minute will cost \$1.85 instead of \$2.25. Rates for station-to-station calls on week days will be reduced from \$9 to \$7.35 for the initial three minutes; each additional minute will cost \$2.45 instead of \$3. Where applicable, night and Sunday rates for station-to-station calls will be \$5.55 for the first three minutes and each additional minute will cost \$1.85. Old rates were \$6.75 and \$2.25. Night and Sunday rates are not available with Austria, France, Liechtenstein, Greece and Switzerland.

Telex and TWX rates to Britain will be reduced to \$2.25 per minute from \$3—minimum one minute—and to most other European countries from \$3 to \$2.50 per minute. Some European countries will have a three-minute minimum charge, not having yet introduced the one-minute minimum rate.

● (2:30 p.m.)

**Mr. Kierans:** The COTC hopes to be able to negotiate similar reductions in telephone, Telex and TWX rates with other countries.

In conclusion, I would like to add that this excellent performance by COTC follows a situation in which this Crown Corporation in 1968-69 earned a net profit of \$5.8 million and returned \$6.2 million in taxes. This year the Crown Corporation waived a \$5 million government loan allocated to it, and I am informed that COTC will not be requesting further funds from the government during the coming year.

I hope that this performance by COTC in reducing rates by amounts of up to 33 per cent will serve as an example to private enterprise and an example that private enterprise will strive to follow.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I might just say a word. Of course I am pleased to hear the minister's announcement, but I do not really think that the Canadian organization had very much alternative because there had already been an announcement in the United States that rates between the United States and Europe were going to be cut substantially. But at least it is pleasing to know that Canadian overseas rates are also going to come down.

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### Questions

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, we welcome this statement. We were quite pleased to give consent to the inclusion in *Hansard* of the lower rates that are to come into effect for overseas service. We would also be quite happy to give unanimous consent for inclusion in *Hansard* of a list of lower rates in Canada. If this is possible on an overseas basis, why not in Canada?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### SUPREME COURT ACT

#### AMENDMENTS RESPECTING APPEALS

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-182, to amend the Supreme Court Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ACT

#### AMENDMENT OF DEFINITION OF "AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT"

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-183, to amend the Agricultural Products Co-operative Marketing Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

### SHIPPING CONFERENCES EXEMPTION ACT

#### EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PRACTICES FROM PROVISIONS OF COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-184, to exempt certain shipping conference practices from the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY STAFF TURNOVER

Question No. 38—**Mr. Benjamin:**

For the fiscal years 1958-59, 1963-64, and 1968-69, what have been the staff turnover rates for the following government departments and agencies (a)