

received large contributions from the SIU, I for one am pretty skeptical about any opinions expressed by the Minister of Justice. I would like to know who made the decision that the request by the Ontario government for an inquiry involving the SIU should not be proceeded with. Was it the Minister of Justice himself, or was it made on the basis of advice from the law officers of the department? I think this is a very important question that must be answered.

The Minister of Labour wanted the material which the Ontario solicitor general had dealing with the facts and allegations about the supposed misdeeds of the SIU. I think that was a legitimate request for him to make. I think the members of this House have a right to have placed on the record, and to have tabled, the report by the Minister of Justice or the report to the Minister of Justice by his law officers advising against proceeding in the way suggested by the Ontario government. I think the minister and the government should take steps to table that kind of information.

We believe that the terms of reference for this proposed investigation are far too restrictive. I can only conclude by saying that it is not too late for the minister and the government to broaden the terms of reference of the body set up to inquire into the matter, members of which would be named entirely by the government, or possibly an inquiry carried out by a board appointed jointly by the federal government and the government of Ontario, if that could be arranged. The terms of reference should be so broadened as to make it possible for all the allegations to be looked into. We hope that members of the board will be appointed as quickly as possible, and that the inquiry will be conducted as expeditiously as possible so that the public can know what truth, if any, there is in the many allegations of misdeeds in the application of justice in this respect.

[Translation]

**Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, first of all, I must say that I have no congratulations to offer to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) because while the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) complained of not having received the minister's statement earlier, we did not receive it in French. I wanted to mention this because before listening to his statement, I went to meet the people in charge; I told the minister that I needed a copy of his statement in French because I wanted to read this document before making my comments. I was told: "Sorry." They did not have the time, they are sorry! If this were the first time that this has happened, I would have kept quiet, but it is not the first time that we have not received a copy in French of statements made in the House by ministers. The government should at least stop broadcasting throughout the country that the bilingualism policy will soon be implemented across the country, and it should start by establishing bilingualism in Parliament so that the French-speaking members can be on the same level as their English-speaking colleagues and that, by ministers statements can be made available in French. I hope that this time we shall be heard because it is always disagreeable to come back to these matters.

I listened to the minister when he made his statement and when, as always, he put the blame on another govern-

ment. He did not act because the Ontario government did not give him all he needed. The Ontario government may have its failings, but I believe that the minister of Labour also has some failings of his own as concerns large unions. I do not know if the Seafarers International Union is also an American subsidiary like the QFL is in the province of Quebec. We always have to depend on the Americans to have unions and, often, they have very close collusions with the people in government, which brings about the conflicts that we are now seeing throughout Canada, as well as in Quebec and as concerns the QFL. So much so that we must wonder which is the most rotten, unions or governments.

Even though there are complaints against multinational corporations, even though it is said that multinational corporations must be fought, in my opinion, parties such as the New Democratic Party or other parties, should denounce those multinational unions, those unions which are imported and cannot be checked by the government because their head is too far away.

I hope that the enquiry that the minister has at long last decided to order will be thorough and that it will require that, in the future, our Canadian unions become Canadian and to cease being American. I hope so because the difficulty for Quebec as well as Canada is always the same, so much that the QFL's contributions are sent to Washington. The Canadian government will have to demand of those unions that they become Canadian unions so that it may have better control over them and detect the trouble makers within their membership.

● (1530)

[English]

**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):** Where is the minister?

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to ask the minister one or two questions. I related to him certain matters which I thought should be included in the terms of reference but not restricting the generality of the overall picture. I would like to have the assurance of the minister that the reference includes looking into alleged matters of violence, intimidation, other criminal occurrences, voting irregularities, blacklisting, all hiring hall activities, the question of dues, misuse of union funds, power struggles from within the union dated from at least 1971, and political impropriety. Do all those matters come within the terms of reference which the minister has just laid before this House by way of a statement?

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I would say yes to that question on the basis that, first, we refer to violations of part V of the Canada Labour Code and, second, we are asking those people investigating, including the RCMP, to tell us that if the Labour Code is ineffective in dealing with many of these matters and if its provisions are not adequate, to investigate in any event and advise what should be done with respect to strengthening the code to provide for all these types of alleged misconduct.

**Mr. Alexander:** Could the minister advise when the inquiry will be instituted; and in this regard will there be