

Employment Tax Credit Act
GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT—
REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence be empowered to examine the implementation of the provisions of the three baskets of the Helsinki Final Act by Canada and other participating states and consider Canada's participation in the Madrid follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) and report to the House; and

That the committee be empowered for this purpose to retain the services of advisers to assist in its work and that it also be empowered to retain such professional, clerical and stenographic help as may be required and that it also be empowered to advertise invitations to the public to submit opinions on the aforementioned matter.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT

EXTENSION OF AND INCREASE IN GUARANTEED LOANS

Hon. Yvon Pinard (for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans) moved that Bill C-28, to amend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Yvon Pinard (for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans) moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

[*English*]

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, members on this side of the House recognize and accept the need for urgency in passing this bill. It is imperative that Bill C-28 be passed before July 1 since the fishermen are dependent upon the continuance of the fisheries improvement loans program.

Our party is somewhat disappointed that Bill C-28 was not brought before us earlier so that better discussion of the program could have taken place. However, upon consideration, Madam Speaker, we have decided to allow the bill to be passed without further debate so that any fisherman desiring credit shall not be denied consideration.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

● (1540)

EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING EXTENSION OF PROGRAM PERIOD

The House resumed, from Wednesday, June 11, consideration in committee of Bill C-19, to amend the Employment Tax Credit Act—Mr. Axworthy—Mr. Blaker in the chair.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order, please. When the committee rose on Wednesday, June 11, 1980, clause 1 of the bill was under consideration. The hon. member for Richmond-South Delta had the floor. In his absence I will recognize the next hon. member who wishes to address himself to the bill. The hon. member for Calgary West.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate to the minister opposite how much we appreciate the availability today of information. I hope we can proceed quickly because there certainly is a growing number of unemployed in this country, and the faster we can get on with the passage of this bill the better off I think those unemployed might be.

I would like to begin by reviewing with the minister the announcement he made in this House some two and one-half weeks ago about other alternative ways of creating employment. I wonder if we might begin with the community services program. I think the amount mentioned by the minister was in the order of \$11 million for that purpose. I wonder if the minister might tell us how many man-weeks of employment that program might create in this fiscal year and what the dollar cost per week of that employment might be.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Chairman, I welcome the invitation of the hon. member for Calgary West to dispatch this particular bill, which has been with us a good long time. I certainly do agree with him that there have been many unemployed people awaiting its passage with some degree of interest, and it is useful to know that in fact members of the opposition will now accord it the proper treatment which we had suggested earlier on.

As far as the participants are concerned, in terms of community service projects the total number of participants estimated this year is 1,100.

Mr. Hawkes: I am pleased to know that there are 1,100 participants, but my question was how many man-weeks of employment are involved in the current fiscal year, and what is the dollar cost per week of employment for this community services program?

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Chairman, as I pointed out to the hon. member before, the measurement we use to determine the nature of the program is participants. The other form of measurement he uses is not one we apply, and therefore we cannot give him an answer.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Chairman, let us go to the bill before us, the employment tax credit bill. Could the minister indicate to us—and we will try to keep the questions simple and perhaps