

Mr. Andras, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-125, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 (No. 2), which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The text of the Message and recommendation of the Governor General pursuant to Standing Order 62(2) in relation to the foregoing Bill is as follows:

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons a measure to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 (No. 2) relating to benefit periods and benefit rates.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I have had the privilege of reading the bill to be proposed by the honourable Member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) intituled "An Act to amend the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act", and was particularly interested, I might say fascinated, by the explanatory notes appended to the bill. I believe that the honourable Member, on at least one previous occasion, was reminded by the Chair that explanatory notes ought to be guided by long-established principles.

In this connection may I refer the honourable Member to citation 357 of Beauchesne's Fourth Edition, which indicates that explanatory notes ought to be brief. Brevity is a quality which is subjective in many ways and the honourable Member's standards may be different from those of the Chair. But I have the impression that this explanatory note is not quite in keeping with the traditions and practices of the House.

I would suggest to all honourable Members that explanatory notes should not be a second reading speech. I have the impression that the honourable Member is arguing his case rather than giving an explanatory note. Perhaps the honourable Member, who has asked that the matter be stood, might take a few minutes of his time to take a look at the explanatory notes and perhaps make them a little less argumentative.

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Blais, seconded by Mr. Blaker,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener, Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada, Chancellor and Commander of the Order of Military Merit upon whom has been conferred the Canadian Forces Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

After further debate, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to, on division.

On motion of Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), it was ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 58, on motion of Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), it was ordered,—That this House at its next sitting consider the Business of Supply.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following paper having been deposited with the Clerk of the House was laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Andras, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Report on the state of the Unemployment Insurance Account for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, together with the report of the Auditor General of Canada, pursuant to section 138 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, chapter 48, Statutes of Canada, 1970-71-72. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 291-1/253.

At 5.50 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned until tomorrow at 2.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).