

terms of the next few years, to encourage the industrial growth and development in the Atlantic provinces there will always be people like myself to rise in opposition to anything that will impair year round traffic in and out of the port of Halifax.

Mr. Chairman, may I call it ten o'clock?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, before you leave the chair I wonder whether there is any hope of having a kind of self-denying ordinance tomorrow, just considering those matters that affect the estimates for the year to March 31, and saving the more general things for my next run, which is getting closer every day? If this is possible it could commence following the completion of the remarks of the hon. member for Halifax.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the minister whether he will set the example of a self-denying ordinance?

Mr. Pickersgill: I have done my best.

Progress reported.

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A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

EXPO '67—MONTREAL—POSSIBLE STRIKE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): It was reported last Thursday that labour negotiations between the construction trades and contractors for the district of Montreal had broken down and that a strike was possible by April 10. It was also reported that this strike could extend to the workers on the site of Expo '67. In answer to a question it is reported that Mr. Pedette, a union representative stated:

• (10:00 p.m.)

[Translation]

We shall do everything to prevent the strike from spreading at Expo, replied Mr. Pedette, but nothing stops us from believing that union workers at Expo will not decide by themselves to follow suit.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Canadian government has already invested millions of dollars in Expo, and in view of the fact that more than 70 countries have

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already committed themselves to participation, would the minister responsible for Expo or his parliamentary secretary kindly inform us of the following:

1. Is there in fact a special strike truce agreement for Expo?

2. If so, what are the provisions to guarantee this strike truce?

3. If the agreement is broken, are there any sanctions which could be applied to the offending parties?

Due to the fact that Expo is scheduled to open in little more than one year, I consider this situation to be extremely urgent and critical. If a strike was to delay Expo in any way, Canada would be left with a serious black mark against her in the world community.

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, perusal of *Le Devoir* will reveal another instance of a heading inconsistent with the small print under it. The title is gainsaid by the article.

Expo is the business of every Canadian, of all classes of society. With the Expo officials, we have every reason to believe that Montreal workers will live up to the agreement entered into by the inter-union committee to ensure the success of Expo '67, because such agreements exist and we have no reason to believe it will be otherwise.

[English]

PENSIONS—INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION REGULATING PRIVATE PLANS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on the orders of the day this afternoon I asked the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp) a question with reference to the federal government's proposed legislation which would regulate private pension plans that come under federal jurisdiction. Specifically I reminded the Minister of Finance of a statement made in the Ontario legislature by Mr. Wishart, which I suggested could be the source of some confusion, and I expressed the hope that in view of this confusion the federal government would reconsider the whole matter with a view to bringing in its legislation at the earliest possible date.

May I take just a moment to indicate what I mean when I say that Mr. Wishart's statement may have created some confusion. In this house on January 25 the Minister of Finance, answering questions of earlier days,