

Government Organization

There does not at the moment seem to be in this legislation the kind of framework necessary to encourage the provinces that this will be the case and to direct the activities of the department toward that end. I feel that unless we can elicit a very high level of active consultation and co-operation with the provinces we shall be going down another very blind alley. In concluding these remarks, Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak on one other matter which I think is of great importance in the setting up of the new department. It has been commented on by others.

member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Rose)—Labour Conditions—alternative to compensate for cancelled winter works program.

It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the house would be agreeable to waiving private members' hour for this afternoon so that we might continue with our discussion of Bill C-173?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, perhaps I could interrupt the hon. member and suggest that rather than the hon. member feeling constrained at this point, we might report progress and then be in a position to waive private members' hour.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND FORESTRY, AND OTHER NEW DEPARTMENTS

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill C-173, respecting the organization of the government of Canada and matters relating or incidental thereto—Mr. Trudeau—Mr. Richard in the chair.

• (5:00 p.m.)

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Richard): If I had been allowed, I would have advised the hon. member that his time has expired. However, if there had been agreement I would have suggested that he continue for one or two minutes more.

Progress reported.

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Richard): House again in committee of the whole on Bill C-173.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-138, an act to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act and the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act, without any amendment.

On clause 20—*Definitions.*

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): If I may, Mr. Chairman, I would like a minute more to conclude my remarks.

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Richard): Is it the wish of the committee that the hon. member have a few more minutes?

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the house that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Surrey (Mr. Mather)—External Aid—provision of food through transfer of armament funds; the hon. member for Calgary South (Mr. Mahoney)—Consumer Affairs—lumber—inquiry as to task force finding; the hon.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Chairman, I want to refer to one specific matter before resuming my seat. It concerns the extra powers which are to be granted to the minister of this new department. If this department is to be effective in the over-all co-ordination of fiscal and monetary policies with regard to the development of the Atlantic or other regions of Canada, then quite obviously the minister must be given powers similar to those that are found in this legislation. I have no objection to such powers being granted the minister, but this creates a situation which can lead to considerable suspicion, and I think rightly so, because it is not normal for a minister to be granted the powers sought in