

## Questions

Some hon. Members: Explain.

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, according to the Canadian Meat and Canned Foods Act and regulations, meat must be prepared in establishments approved by the government and under the constant control of government veterinary inspectors.

However, section 68 of the regulations provides that the legend on meat inspected shall be marked in English only. This bill provides that the legend shall be bilingual and decorated with the maple leaf appearing on the Canadian flag.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[English]

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

## MEASURE TO BROADEN COVERAGE

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour)** moved that the house go into committee of the whole at its next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act to increase the coverage provided by the Act; to establish a new schedule of contributions to be paid by employers on behalf of employees covered by the Act; and to establish a new schedule of benefits corresponding to the new schedule of contributions.

Motion agreed to.

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PENAL  
INSTITUTION CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 527—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. Has the government any immediate plans for the construction of either a maximum or minimum security penal institution in Prince Edward Island?

2. Has the Department of the Solicitor General, or any department of government, ever acted on the suggestion of Premier Campbell to visit Prince Edward Island and look over potential sites for the establishment in that province of a maximum security penal institution and, if not, for what reason?

3. Has a request been received from the government of Prince Edward Island for financial assistance towards the construction and operation of a jail farm or some other type of minimum security

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institution in that province and, if so, has favourable consideration been given thereto?

4. Does any agreement exist between the government of Canada and the government of Prince Edward Island under section 16 (1) of the Penitentiary Act which provides that the government of Canada may enter into an agreement with the government of any province for the confinement in penitentiaries of persons sentenced under a criminal law of Canada to imprisonment for more than 6 months but less than two years and, if so, what would be the approximate cost per prisoner to the province?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** 1. No.

2. Officials of the Department of the Solicitor General met with Premier Campbell and the deputy attorney general of Prince Edward Island at Charlottetown on Monday, October 2, 1967 and discussed the penitentiary and gaol situation. No further action was taken because the federal government does not propose to alter the policy to establish its maximum, medium and minimum security institutions for the Atlantic provinces in the Dorchester-Springhill area of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

3. The government of Prince Edward Island has discussed with the government of Canada the possibility of financial assistance towards the construction and operation of a minimum security institution on Prince Edward Island. For the reasons given in paragraph 2 no action was taken.

4. No.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH SPEAKING  
DIRECTORS IN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 528—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. How many directors are there for each "proprietary corporation"?

2. How many of the directors in each corporation are (a) French-speaking (b) English-speaking?

3. Are any steps being taken by the government to assure a distribution of the two groups and, if so, what are they?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** All the proprietary corporations advise as follows:

1 and 2. See attached list.

3. In making appointments to the boards of directors of proprietary corporations, the government gives the most careful attention to all the qualifications necessary for these positions, including linguistic ability.

1 and 2. Farm Credit Corporation: 1. Five.  
2. (a) One; (b) Four.