

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REASON FOR NOT PROVIDING WITH AMENDMENTS TO ACT—  
GOVERNMENT POSITION ON NECESSITY FOR AMENDMENTS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and it concerns his responsibility for unemployment insurance. Is the minister's decision not to proceed with amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act before July, 1975 based partly on the fact that this country will experience no growth and resulting high unemployment?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Alexander:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact that the government promised in its throne speech after the election of 1972, and made substantially the same promise after the election of 1974, that amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act would be brought in, would the minister advise whether there is or is not any urgency with respect to the matter, or in other words that the minister finds that the Unemployment Insurance Act is now working as it should?

**Mr. Andras:** Amendments will be brought in, Mr. Speaker.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

#### NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

Third report of Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, in both official languages—  
Mr. Ethier.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baldwin:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government House leader about the business for the rest of this week and for the first two or three days of next week, so we can prepare for it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. With respect to the point of order that has been raised, I might indicate that in accordance with the direction I gave yesterday, the reprint of Bill C-44 ought to be available tomorrow. It has come to my hands within the last few moments, and if after inspection it is in accordance with the direction, it ought to be filed tomorrow. I say that in case it might be a consideration in calling the business for next week.

### National Parks Act

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, it is our intention to proceed today with the committee of the whole stage of Bill C-32. I would hope that we could continue with it tomorrow: I have had some consultation, and if that does not prove convenient we will revert to discussion of the bill in respect of ocean dumping and perhaps one of the bills standing in the name of my colleague the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He has one bill in respect of the Statistics Act and one in respect of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

● (1500)

I am hopeful that Bill C-32 will be out of the committee by Monday. If it is not, we will certainly continue with it. If it is out of the committee by then, I would like to call the bill on citizenship: the minister is not well, and this depends partly on his health; but that would be my intention.

**Mr. Baldwin:** That is Bill C-20?

**Mr. Sharp:** That is Bill C-20. Then on Tuesday I hope we can go back to the report stage of Bill C-44.

**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the government House leader about the undertaking of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs on several recent occasions to refer the capital spending budget of the CMHC to the committee. Is the government House leader now prepared to proceed with the necessary referral motion in order to honour that minister's commitment?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I have been discussing the matter with my colleague. I am not sure how firm his commitment was, but I hope it was not too firm.

**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** It was very firm.

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### NATIONAL PARKS ACT

#### AMENDMENT TO ENABLE PERSONS OVER AGE SIXTY-FIVE FREE ACCESS TO NATIONAL PARKS

**Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-388, to amend the National Parks Act (free access for senior citizens).

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide free access to the national parks for persons over 65 years of age, which is similar to the current policy in Ontario in respect of provincial parks.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.