

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

with the lack of equal representation at inter-union conflicts, the absence of bilingual members of the C.C.R.O., and the importance of the president's vote whenever a problem opposes unions represented at the C.C.R.O., the C.N.T.U. criticized—and rightly so—the exclusive meaning which the C.C.R.O. attributes to the negotiating unit.

The C.C.R.O. insists that the negotiating unit applies only on the national level and refuses to recognize it on the natural level.

This corrupt and unchanging attitude of the C.C.R.O. is detrimental to the freedom of workers. It is up to the employees to choose their union. This choice must not be dictated by the employer, unless we want to apply to Canada—either directly or indirectly—the theories which are predominant in communist and totalitarian countries.

It must be pointed out that if the C.C.R.O. has limited the scope of negotiating units to the national level, it is because they have—in their narrow-minded way—interpreted the law itself which does not give any precise definition of the negotiating unit.

This is why it has become more than urgent to amend section 2, subsection 3 of the Industrial Relations Act, so that certain unfair and antidemocratic decisions may be rectified, thus allowing recognition of the negotiating units, on the natural as well as on the national level.

This uneasiness is not of recent date. A ministerial committee was set up last April. It took the committee nine months to submit, last December 8, a report of its findings to the right hon. Prime Minister. I hope the Prime Minister or his parliamentary secretary will not go into a prolonged nirvana, but that one of them will assure the house tonight that the act will be amended very shortly, so that justice, freedom and equality may finally be respected in Canada.

**Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, according to our parliamentary tradition and custom, the proceedings of such a committee can be made available to the public only when its final report is ready for publication. I am surprised that the hon. member is not aware of this basic rule of our procedure.

At any rate, I can assure him that the committee is very active and since its membership includes the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Winters), the Minister of Labour (Mr. Nicholson) and the Minister of

Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Marchand), one can see the seriousness with which this government considers the problem; it ensures the value of the report which will be published in due course.

● (1:00 a.m.)

CRIMINAL CODE—AMENDMENT RESPECTING  
CONFESSIONS OF PRISONERS

**Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I am greatly moved to speak—

[English]

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Under provisional standing order 39A, at ten o'clock p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday Mr. Speaker may, notwithstanding the provisions of standing orders 6 (3) and 32(2), deem that a motion to adjourn the house has been made and seconded, whereupon such motion shall be debatable for not more than 30 minutes. This provisional standing order does not say anything about one o'clock on the following day; it refers to ten o'clock p.m. In view of the fact that it is now one o'clock a.m. I suggest that this debate is entirely out of order.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** There seems to have been unanimous consent to proceed with the adjournment motion following the suggestion by Mr. Pepin, supported by Mr. McIlraith, that we continue with the adjournment proceedings.

**Mr. Churchill:** I objected to that earlier.

**Mr. McIlraith:** No, no one took exception at that point.

**Mr. Mackasey:** May I speak on this point for a moment, Mr. Speaker?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** No. I have ruled that we should proceed on the adjournment motion.

**Mr. Churchill:** This is a shocking abuse of the staff of this house.

**Mr. Choquette:** It will only take me two minutes to complete my remarks.

**Mr. Churchill:** That is a pretty selfish attitude on your part.

**Mr. Choquette:** You have abused us so much, I shall continue.