

Labour Adjustment Benefits

by ensuring they will not have access or the right to inquire as to information they will surely need to do their job.

I ask the minister to reconsider in this case. In committee we eliminated the negative and accentuated the positive. All I ask is that the joint committees, and thus the government, be given the tools to do the job required of them as a result of everything in this legislation. Without those tools it is a rather useless and a very hollow echo of a propaganda bill, attempting to kid the public that the joint committees have real effect or that they are to be listened to.

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the deletion of "Subject to subsection (3)" that we are proposing here is because these words are redundant. We have introduced in committee a measure that makes this reference unnecessary. Let me say that in Motion No. 21, which the hon. member is proposing, he is addressing himself to something quite different. We cannot support this amendment which the hon. member proposed in committee, which for very good reason the majority felt ought to be defeated, and it was defeated.

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, I would like to elaborate a little more on why we want this amendment put forward. The minister well knows that in committee the example was given of Eldorado Nuclear at Uranium City. A month in advance it hired new employees, brought them to Uranium City to work and then gave notice of a total shutdown.

We feel these companies have a responsibility to the committee to answer questions as to why these lay-offs are necessary. The government is bringing in a bill to help alleviate the problems that this can bring about. It is imperative that this amendment we are suggesting be put in the bill. This committee which the government has authorized would have the authority not only to speak to laid-off workers to find the reasons for their lay-offs, the conditions and whether they qualify, but also to ensure that the company is dealing with them in a fair and frank way. That is what this amendment would do. We are not asking that it have any other authority than to be able to investigate a company once it has been designated, or if it is to be designated as a designated industry. I appeal to the minister to support this amendment.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The question will be on the two motions which were debated together, but will be voted on separately. The first question is on motion No. 20 standing in the name of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Caccia). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 20 (Mr. Caccia) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The question is on Motion No. 21 in the name of Mr. Kristiansen. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): In my opinion, the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Pursuant to Standing Order 75(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West) moved:

Motion No. 22

That Bill C-78, an act to provide for the payment of benefits to laid-off employees and to amend the Canada Labour Code, be amended in Clause 33

(a) by striking out line 10 at page 30 and substituting the following therefor:

"employee";

(b) by replacing the word "two" with the word "five" in line 11 at page 30; and

(c) by striking out lines 16 to 18 at page 30 and substituting the following therefor:

"employer".

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): In my opinion, the nays have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I declare the motion negated on division.

Motion No. 22 (Mr. Kristiansen) negated.

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of Labour) moved:

Motion No. 23

That Bill C-78, an act to provide for the payment of benefits to laid-off employees and to amend the Canada Labour Code, be amended in Clause 34

(a) by striking out line 6 at page 32 and substituting the following therefor:

"under this act"; and