

*Adjournment Debate*

noteworthy that Canadian unemployment insurance benefit for sickness is limited to 15 weeks. I think that is an important point.

To bring railway workers now covered by U.S. R.R. U.I. into the Canadian program could adversely affect those workers. Where, for example, they work partly in the U.S.A. and partly in Canada, only their earnings from employment in Canada could be taken into account in determining the benefit rate and duration. This could have a depressing effect on the benefit rate and might in some cases result in individuals failing to qualify for benefits under either U.S. railroad or Canadian law.

For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we should undertake to change the existing reciprocal arrangements. The potential good that might result for a few individu-

als would be far outweighed by the harm that would be caused to the majority who work for U.S. railroads in Canada.

Finally, I can assure the hon. member that I will be glad to see that his additional points are drawn to the attention of the minister. Coming from a border constituency, as I do, I have a large number of railway workers in my riding who work on Canadian engines and trains travelling in the United States as well as a great many who work for United States railroads coming into Canada. I am quite prepared, as I say, to draw his additional comments to the minister's attention.

● (2232)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** Order, please. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.31 p.m.