

MANPOWER

YOUNG CANADA WORKS PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY OF ERROR IN FIGURES RELATING TO FUNDING FOR KOOTENAY WEST

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that his officials in the riding of Kootenay West and in Vancouver have directed inquiries to the department here regarding the very low funding for Young Canada Works programs in Kootenay West is it the minister's intention, after twice refusing my applications, to review the contention of his own officials that the figures for Young Canada Works in Kootenay West are in error?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is not correct to say that the hon. member's representations were ignored. They were not in fact ignored. I believe as a result of his representation I wrote him on the figures indicated by my officials. If he has not received the letter I will check it out.

MEASURES TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that it obviously takes three or four months to gear up the new program of employment for youth and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister has indicated there will be new opportunities for youth in the budget, is it his intention to further the Young Canada Works projects or has he some new initiative in mind?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the budget is only a couple of days away so perhaps the hon. member could hold his breath until then.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROTEST AGAINST APPRAISAL PROMOTION SYSTEM BY FOREIGN SERVICE SECRETARIES

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and relates to the question I asked last Thursday concerning the position his department is taking with respect to the submission by foreign service secretaries in Ottawa who protested the appraisal promotion system used by the department. The minister indicated then that he had not had a chance to discuss it with his under-secretary. I wonder if he has had an opportunity to do since and if so what were their resolutions? If not, when will the discussion take place?

● (1500)

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have had a response, not from the undersecretary, but from the appropriate officials with whom I

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discussed it. I must confess to the hon. member that, apart altogether from the time it would take, it would be difficult to answer orally a complex question of this sort. If he is agreeable, I will ask for a letter to be drafted for him which will deal with the matter he has raised, and I would have no objection if he makes the letter public, if he has any reason to do so. But it is not a matter I could answer easily in the question period.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): That would be agreeable to me, Mr. Speaker.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR CLASS ACTIONS

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-410, to amend the Combines Investigation Act (class action).

An hon. Member: Explain.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide the facility of class action to the many, many thousands of small consumers of this country who cannot individually afford to take any of the large corporations to court to obtain justice and who may come together as a class to bring such suits in the courts, share the cost and, of course, share the results of the suit.

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

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

MOTION UNDER S.O. 75C FOR SECOND READING OF BILL C-27

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moved:

That, in relation to bill C-27, an act to establish the department of employment and immigration, the Canada employment and immigration commission and the Canada employment and immigration advisory council, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, and to amend certain other statutes in consequence thereof, five hours shall be allotted to the further consideration of the second reading stage of the Bill; and

That, at the conclusion of the fifth such hour, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt any proceeding then before the House, if required for the purpose of this Order, and shall forthwith put, without further debate or amendment, every question necessary for the disposal of the second reading stage of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: No.