

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 28, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

FINANCE

TABLING OF COMMUNIQUE OF COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND ON MONETARY REFORM AND RELATED ISSUES

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table, in English and in French, the communiqué of the committee of the board of governors of the International Monetary Fund on international monetary reform and related issues.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order which I would say almost affects the privileges of the House. This is the second occasion within a week's time that the President of the Treasury Board and the Minister of Finance, who have represented Canada at a series of the most important international monetary conferences, have resorted to the use of Standing Order 41(2) to table communiqués that are very important so far as Canada is concerned rather than having the decency or, one might almost say, the courage to make a statement in the House with regard to Canada's attitude in these discussions so that representatives of the opposition parties could comment on these matters as they affect Canada. We now have to go to the Parliamentary Returns office to get a copy. I believe, Sir, that the least that should be done is for the communiqué to be printed as an appendix to *Hansard* so that all hon. members will have the text and the general public will be informed of it.

Mr. Speaker: I gather that this is a rather brief document and that there would be no technical difficulty in having it appended to *Hansard*. Is this the wish of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: For text of above communiqué, see Appendix A*]

INDUSTRY

TABLING OF REPORT AND PRESS RELEASE ON INQUIRY RESPECTING POLYESTER FILAMENT AND YARN

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I wish to lay on the table of the House copies of a report and press release, in both official languages, on an inquiry respecting polyester filament and yarn.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PAYMENTS UNDER PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1959

Question No. 9—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. In each year since the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act of 1959 was passed, how many persons have received payments thereunder?
2. In each of the above years, what was the total amount paid out under the said Act?
3. In each of the above years, what was the average amount paid under the said Act (a) to retired public servants (b) to widows (c) to others?
4. In each of the last five years, either calendar or financial, for which statistics are available, how many pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act (a) to retired public servants (b) to widows of public servants or widows of retired public servants, have been discontinued because of the death of the superannuate?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. Number of persons who have received payments in each year since the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act of 1959 was passed.

Year	Number
1959-60	14,311
1960-61	13,885
1961-62	12,553
1962-63	11,709
1963-64	10,852
1964-65	10,077
1965-66	9,078
1966-67	8,162
1967-68	7,483
1968-69	6,860
1969-70	6,651
1970-71	6,474
1971-72	5,793