

reach the conclusion that the amendment should not be put, because of the importance of the matter, the well-known interest of the hon. member is the subject of pensions and because the amendment might have given the House an opportunity to discuss the situation which the hon. member wanted to include in the debate which is now before the House. However, I feel there are some procedural difficulties which the Chair cannot overlook, and because of these procedural and technical difficulties I do not think I should put the hon. member's amendment at this time.

I apologize to the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton) if I have deprived him of the opportunity to at least begin his speech. It being four o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business, namely, public bills, notices of motions and private bills.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in respect of the business of the House. It appears, so far as Bill C-186 is concerned, that it is stuck in one place; the needle seems to be stuck on the record. I should like to know whether the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council has any information for the House concerning the business for next Monday.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, we propose to continue with the measure before us this afternoon, the CNR financing bill. Following that we would likely proceed with the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company bill, the bill in respect of three small loans acts, after which we would likely consider the anti-dumping bill, the statutory instruments bill, the measure concerning packaging and labelling, and the co-operative associations bill.

Mr. Baldwin: Is that for Monday, or for Monday and Tuesday?

Mr. Jerome: That is the schedule for Monday afternoon, and in the evening we will have to come up with something else.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

STATISTICS ACT

MEASURE TO REMOVE "DOMINION" FROM TITLE DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND REPLACE BY "CANADA"

On the order:

October 20, 1970—Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs of Bill C-13, an act to amend the Statistics Act.—Mr. Robinson.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I understand

Canada Labour (Standards) Code

that the hon. member for Lakeshore (Mr. Robinson) has consented to withdraw this bill. Because he is not here today, perhaps it would be better to have it stood.

Mr. Speaker: The Parliamentary Secretary might give his undertaking to the House, which I am sure will be accepted, that the hon. member has indicated that his bill should be withdrawn.

Mr. Jerome: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Motion withdrawn.

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CANADA LABOUR (STANDARDS) CODE

EMPLOYER'S NOTICE BEFORE DISCHARGING EMPLOYEE—
PAYMENT OF WAGES FOR PERIOD OF NOTICE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved that Bill C-20, to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code (notice and payment to employees in case of discharge or lay-off) be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

He said: Mr. Speaker, when I realized earlier today I would be moving an amendment to the second reading of Bill C-186 and then later would be moving second reading of Bill C-20, I had the notion I might win the first time but not the second. Apparently I was wrong about the first instance, and perhaps I will be wrong now as well and find that this bill is acceptable and that it will be permitted to go to the Standing Committee.

This bill seeks to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code. As hon. members are aware, we sought for a good many years to get Parliament to pass a labour code and finally a few years ago we were successful. Since that time we have been trying to get it improved. I believe it is fair to say the government is just as anxious as are members on the opposition side of the House to improve that piece of legislation.

● (4:10 p.m.)

I welcome the pounding of the desk by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Perrault). I think that is a good omen. At any rate, hon. members are aware that the Canada Labour (Standards) Code regulates labour matters with respect to employees who by the terms of the BNA Act come under federal jurisdiction. Almost every time a piece of legislation of this kind comes up, some journalist or other person thinks that it relates only to federal employees, in other words federal public servants. That is not so. This applies to people working in private industry in those kinds of occupations that are regulated by federal law such as railroading, shipping, communications, banking and so on.

We have several pieces of legislation that govern these relationships. There is, of course, the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act. There is the Canada Labour (Standards) Code, which is before us now, there