

*Order Paper Questions***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

PETITIONS

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CN MONCTON SHOPS

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty to present to the House another petition from residents of Moncton. Once again, these people refer to the concern there now exists in the Moncton area and ask the Government to take action to protect the jobs at the CN shops in Moncton.

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[English]

STRIKING COMMITTEE

CONCURRENCE IN EIGHTEENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the eighteenth report of the Striking Committee presented to the House on Wednesday, January 22, 1986 be concurred in.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Geoff Scott (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State of Canada): Mr. Speaker, question No. 384 will be answered today.

[Text]

CANADA-UNITED KINGDOM RECIPROCAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

Question No. 384—**Mr. Young:**

Did the Prime Minister make a representation to the Prime Minister of Great Britain that the Governments of Canada and Great Britain enter into a reciprocal social security agreement and, if so, did the Prime Minister of Great Britain respond to that representation and what was the nature of that response?

Mr. Len Gustafson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): The question of a reciprocal social security agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom was raised once again during the Prime Minister's visit to London, April 28 to May 1, 1985, at the Senior officials level. Canada reiterated its position that the conclusion of such an agreement remains a high priority and that it would be prepared to start

negotiations at any time. To date, the British Government has not expressed any interest in undertaking such negotiations.

[Translation]

Mr. Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all other questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The question mentioned by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

INCOME TAX AGREEMENTS, 1985

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council) (for the Minister of Finance) moved: That Bill S-6 (from the Senate), An Act to implement an agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, a convention between Canada and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and an agreement between Canada and India for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Pierre H. Vincent (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to implement an agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, a convention between Canada and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and an agreement between Canada and India for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax.

The three tax conventions under review are similar to those which Parliament has approved in the past. As you know, Mr. Speaker, 36 tax conventions are now in force in Canada. Once ratified, the three conventions under review will be the first agreements of this kind between Canada and these countries.

The various income elements in these conventions will receive a tax treatment similar to that provided for under the other conventions already signed by Canada. Actually, the dividends paid to non-residents by Canadian corporations are generally subject to a maximum 25 per cent rate in Canada. As usual, under the agreement signed between Canada and India, the withholding rate is reduced from 25 per cent to 15 per cent. However, the recipient must be a corporation holding at least 10 per cent of the shares of the corporation that pays the dividends, and where they are paid on earnings resulting