

Presence in Gallery

actually want to be involved in the direct assessment of some of the applications. To this point in time it has been the unanimous position of the labour people I have approached that they do not want to be involved in the direct assessment of applications because of confidential information coming from the companies.

DISPLACEMENT OF WORKERS

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Minister was not deliberately trying to misinform the House. The Board that was announced last week was an advisory board. What I am talking about here is the rights of workers in a given firm, who are going to be affected by technological change, to have some say in terms of the effects of that change in their places of work.

● (1430)

I ask this of the Minister, or the Minister of Finance— whoever wants to answer. Less than a year ago the Government, in a publication called "The Rocky Road to 1990", was warned by one of the Minister's colleagues that by 1990 literally hundreds of thousands of workers will be displaced by technological change. Will he now assure the House that he will act to protect the rights of workers so affected, and where it is necessary bring legislation before Parliament to ensure that we will have technological change that benefits the workers and not simply increases the profits of the corporations?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate what the Hon. Leader of the New Democratic Party is saying. I ask him to look back at my answer to his second question. I acknowledged the formation of the advisory board, but with respect to labour having a direct say in assessing the applications, I have discussed this with some of the senior labour people across the country.

The reason we initiated the task force in the automotive, aerospace, petrochemical, and forestry industries was to ensure that senior labour people across the country, representing the rank and file in the various unions in the country, will have a say in some of the changes we are making and with respect to some of the programs we are putting forth to ensure that Canadian industry is competitive. I am sure the Hon. Member will acknowledge the fact that the only way we can guarantee jobs right across the country is to make sure that Canadian industries in all parts of the country are internationally competitive.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour of drawing the attention of the House to the distinguished presence in our gallery of two

Members of Parliament from Australia, Mr. Rodney Cavalier and Mr. Timothy Moore.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour of drawing the attention of the House to the distinguished presence in our gallery of the Minister of Health from the Province of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Gerald Sheehy.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE JAYCEES

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour of drawing the attention of the House to the distinguished presence in our gallery of the International President of the JAYCEES, Mr. Joseph Murphy.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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NATIONAL REVENUE

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SCREENING OF DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING FILM FOR AUDITORS

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. He will know that over the course of the last few weeks I have asked a number of questions of the Minister of National Revenue requesting that the training film entitled "The Investigative Approach to Auditing" be shown to interested Members of Parliament and to the Press on Parliament Hill. The Minister has responded, and said that he is prepared to show the film only to Members of Parliament, in camera, to the exclusion of the Press. This is a preposterous situation and quite contrary to the spirit of freedom of information.

Will the Acting Prime Minister not now direct his Minister of Revenue to have this public airing to see what kind of film is being used to train auditors? What does he have to hide, and what does the Government have to hide? Will he not now act?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to put my finger between the bark and the tree. I am too cautious a man for that sort of thing. There might be some circumstances of which I am not aware. I can only promise my hon. friend that I will have a friendly chat with the Minister of National Revenue and see what I can do.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: The only reason there can be is that the Government wants to have this whole matter retained in secrecy.