

*Oral Questions*

not only to the people who are lodging a complaint but also to the Hon. Member.

[English]

**Mr. Kristiansen:** Madam Speaker, that is from July 26 when the intervention was requested until September 15, last Thursday. Is that as fast as the Government can move when the livelihood of that many people are at stake?

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**CANADA LABOUR CODE**

## REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

**Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West):** Will the Minister give us his assurance that the proposed legislation, namely, the amendments to Parts III, IV and V of the Canada Labour Code, as promised by two previous Liberal Cabinet Ministers in this Parliament, will be introduced immediately? More particularly, will he guarantee the establishment of the Rand formula as a minimal union security provision in the Canada Labour Code, thus preventing countless other costly disputes of this kind? Will he bring it in now, or immediately after the commencement of the new session which we all expect very soon?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour):** Madam Speaker, I intend to table amendments to the Canada Labour Code during the next parliamentary session, and I hope the Hon. Member, and indeed all Members of this House, will support these amendments which have been eagerly awaited by the labour world.

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[English]

**CANADIAN HERITAGE**

## THEFT OF PETROGLYPHS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is the Minister as concerned as I over the theft of Canada's archeological treasures, specifically, the Indian artifacts stolen from the petroglyph site of the Hartley Bay Indian Band in B.C.? Has he asked the Solicitor General and, through him, the RCMP, to investigate these thefts fully?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Yes, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the Hon. Member's concern because it is a truly tragic occurrence when artifacts of this tremendous significance to the history of the Indian people, which have the appreciation of Canadians generally, have apparently been stolen.

I have made note of it. Because of the press reports last week and the Hon. Member's comments on it last week, I have

made inquiries in my Department. There is correspondence being directed to my colleague, the Solicitor General, to see if the RCMP might stimulate their efforts to find what can be done about it, in terms of discovering the people who appropriated these valuable artifacts.

## REQUEST FOR ACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER THEFTS

**Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown):** Madam Speaker, will the Minister tell us what measures he has taken to assure us that the desecration of Canada's heritage will not recur?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Madam Speaker, he is away this week, but I intend to raise this fundamental question with Dr. David Ahenakew, head of the Assembly of First Nations, as soon as he returns. I intend to find from him, after he has had a chance to consult with some of the chiefs in whose territory many of these artifacts are, recommendations as to what further can be done to protect these artifacts. As soon as we have those recommendations I will be pleased to let the Hon. Member know.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

## STATISTICAL DATA ON WORKERS REPLACED BY MACHINES

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. I was somewhat shocked to discover the other day that the Government of Canada keeps absolutely no statistics on the number of Canadians who are currently being replaced by machines. Could the Minister tell us whether he has plans to keep such statistics in the year ahead? If so, could he give us some of the details of those plans?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, I do not think that the Hon. Member is quite accurately remembering the questions which he put to me last week. He asked for the estimates of the impact of technological change on employment within the economy. I told him quite frankly that, in my view, there was no consensus on the degree to which either jobs would be created or replaced by the implementation of new technological processes. He now seems to be redefining his question in simply a rather narrower form to that of machines and putting it in terms of statistics which he claims we are not collecting. I do not know exactly what he means by that question.

**Mr. Hawkes:** Madam Speaker, for a political Minister from Ontario, a bad memory is probably a good attribute.

## REQUEST FOR ESTIMATE OF JOBS LOST THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Madam Speaker, in modern Canada workers are being replaced by new technolo-