

does this give, say, a labourer without any skill the right to say to his employer, "you are not going to hire a skilled man from outside even if it is absolutely necessary for the operation of the plant because it is stipulated in the law that you cannot do it"? The hon. member has to take into account that in certain circumstances it would not be wise for the local workers to do that. So I believe we are in perfect agreement on the objective we wish to achieve. This is the very purpose of the law, the purpose of the manpower centres, and this is why they are there. The amendment puts an obligation on the employer to do exactly what is the purpose of the law, but in that case he will have no incentive.

In principle I cannot object to the amendment because it tries to achieve the very purpose of the legislation, which is to create local employment. Therefore I cannot tell the hon. member that his suggestion is contrary to the bill. All I can tell him is that it is redundant. We are trying to achieve this purpose and we will put such an obligation on the employer. However, to place such an obligation in the bill would be tantamount to giving such a right to any local employee, which I think is wrong, and I believe that in certain circumstances even the hon. member would not be in agreement if such a request were made by an employee. We must have flexibility.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the minister at the very moment he was about to reach his conclusions. Is it the wish of the house that the question be put?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion? All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to hon. members that this vote be deferred, along with other votes, until two o'clock. If such is the wish of the house, all questions which have been deferred will be put after the house has been called back at two o'clock.

The Royal Assent

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-210, an act granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1970.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, it is the desire of the Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General that this honourable House attend him immediately in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

• (1:10 p.m.)

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act respecting The Canada Trust Company.

An act respecting The Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation.

An act to amend the Food and Drugs Act and the Narcotic Control Act and to make a consequential amendment to the Criminal Code.

An act respecting Canadian Order of Foresters.

An act respecting Gillespie Mortgage Corporation.

An act to prohibit the advertising, sale and importation of hazardous products.

An act respecting the production and conservation of oil and gas in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories.

An act respecting The Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

An act to incorporate Atlantic Mutual Life Assurance Company.

An act respecting Nova Scotia Savings & Loan Company.

An act to amend the Patent Act, the Trade Marks Act and the Food and Drugs Act.

An act to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act.

An act to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act.

An act to regulate products used for the control of pests and the organic functions of plants and animals.

An act respecting the National Library.

An act to establish the Export Development Corporation and to facilitate and develop export