

except pursue their present course. They cannot refuse so to proceed, and they are doing this at present. By the way, the head of the consumers association said the price of broilers had increased by 100 per cent in the last four years. Our statistics show that it increased 13½ per cent in the last 3½ years.

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PENITENTIARIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA—ACTION AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN HOSTAGE TAKING

Mr. Jack Pearsall (Coast Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Is any action contemplated against those inmates involved in the recent hostage taking in the B.C. penitentiary, New Westminster?

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): They will be sent to William Head.

Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, this matter was raised with the attorney general of British Columbia, because enforcement of the criminal law in that province is his responsibility. I am now informed that charges have been laid against seven inmates involved in the B.C. penitentiary disturbances.

● (1200)

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Not being satisfied with the answer I secured from the Minister of Transport to the question I raised, I wonder whether I might be granted permission to continue the discussion at ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with customary practice, I suggest that the hon. member submit that to the table in writing in the usual way.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

PETITION FROM SUDBURY TEACHERS REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF PROGRAM

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the table the first report of the Clerk of Petitions, stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

Anti-Inflation Board LABOUR RELATIONS

TABLING OF MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MEA AND ILA

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am tabling a document which is a memorandum of settlement between the Maritime Employers' Association and local 269 of the International Longshoremen's Association which will be referred to in a bill I will be introducing.

As hon. members know, Mr. Speaker, it has not been possible for a settlement to be reached in the much prolonged strike at the port of Halifax. It is, therefore, necessary for parliament to legislate on the matter. In view of the urgency of this matter, I am now asking for unanimous consent to consider the bill in committee of the whole rather than in a standing committee. Perhaps the House will also agree now that we continue the sitting until the bill receives royal assent, if necessary suspending the sitting for a while if this has not occurred by our normal time of adjournment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps we ought to get to introduction of bills before considering the minister's suggestion.

[Later:]

Upon introduction of bills, the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) put forward to the House a suggestion that the House give unanimous consent for the introduction, without notice, of a bill entitled "An Act to provide for the resumption and continuation of longshoring and related operations at the port of Halifax". Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, we agree to its introduction, but with regard to all the other requests that the minister made, perhaps there might be consultation as the day moves on.

Mr. Speaker: I specifically asked only for leave to introduce the bill at this time. Once the bill is introduced and dealt with under orders of the day, the House might then be prepared to give other consents.

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ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

TABLING OF FIRST YEAR REPORT OF BOARD

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table, in both official languages, the first year report of the Anti-Inflation Board.