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which was read as a preamble to the petition yesterday was somewhat different from that which is attached to the petition today. This, of course, was done in order to make it acceptable as to form. The portion which is now attached to the petition does not in any way state the case as strongly as was stated in the reading of the preamble by the hon. member for York South yesterday. In other words, it seems to me that one of the remedies the hon. member is seeking today is less effective than was already granted yesterday.

In the second place, the rule under which the hon. member was proposing to have this petition read and then brought into debate is Standing Order 67(8) which reads as follows:

No debate shall be permitted on the report but a petition referred to therein may be read by the Clerk of the House at the table if required—

Certainly, under the circumstances it does not seem to be required. The Standing Order continues:

—or if it complain of some present personal grievance requiring an immediate remedy, the matter contained therein may be brought into immediate discussion.

Clearly, a representation that an existing law which has been under consideration by the House in various ways and which, on the undertaking of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang), will be looked in to by a committee and is to be the subject of further consideration, is a matter of general concern and can in no way be interpreted as a matter of personal consideration.

For all three of these reasons: first, that the petition has already been read; second, that it is not a personal grievance but, rather, a matter of general concern to all members; and, finally, that recommendations and suggestions for the amendment of legislation ought, surely, to be carried on by members who, obviously, have been influenced by the petition itself, I cannot accede to the hon. member's request. There is nothing the matter with a petition of this magnitude influencing members to take action in the House, but I still maintain, based on earlier precedents, that it is the members of this House who should make representations respecting changes in the law, and not outsiders by way of petitions.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Charles Turner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,097, 2,144, 2,161, 2,166, 2,338, 2,355, 2,390 and 2,418.

If question No. 1,275 could be made an order for return the return would be tabled immediately.

I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Text]

ARBITRATION BOARDS SERVING REGIONAL OFFICES

Question No. 2,097—Mr. Laprise:

1. What are the names and dates of appointment of members of the arbitration boards serving the regional offices (a) Quebec City (b) Lévis (c) Trois-Rivières (d) Sherbrooke (e) Drummondville?

2. For each such office, how many (a) cases were (i) heard (ii) settled in favour of the recipient (b) days did the hearing last?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1.

(a) Quebec City	Chairmen	Date of Appointment
	Fortin, Jacques	February 1, 1973
	Lavigne, Georges A.	March 16, 1967
	Lessard, Gil	August 18, 1972
	Employers	
	Bradet, J. Ovide	March 8, 1973
	Delisle, Paul	September 25, 1961
	Dupéré, Guy	April 6, 1967
	Dutil, Paul	December 11, 1973
	Fréchette, Louis	October 30, 1962
	Racine, Guy	December, 11, 1973
	Savard, P. A.	January 24, 1963
	Turgeon, Denis	September 1972
	Insured Persons	
	Dorval, Arthur	March 10, 1967
	Girard, Claude	March 10, 1967
	Lebreux, Benjamin	September 19, 1962
	Marcotte, Jean-Paul	September 21, 1948
	Pelletier, L. G.	March 5, 1964
	Poulin, Jude	October 9, 1959
	Richard, Jean-Marie	August 11, 1965
	Vézina, Pierre-Henri	January 1975
(b) Lévis	Chairmen	
	Brulotte, Robert	December 20, 1974
	Gonthier, Gilles	September 12, 1974
	Employers	
	Lévesque, Vital	January 2, 1974
	Moquin, Claude	January 24, 1975
	Insured Persons	
	Lemay, Marc-André	January 1974
	Roy, Monique (Miss)	December 1974
(c) Trois-Rivières	Chairmen	
	Lacoursière, Gilles	November 1, 1973
	Pellerin, Gabriel	March 1, 1973
	Employers	
	Barbeau, J. O. R.	September 13, 1972
	Groleau, Gaston	September 13, 1972
	Lafontaine, Pierre	March 13, 1975
	Lemieux, Roland	November 22, 1961