

Employment and Immigration

that Indians are taken care of by another department simply means they are not being treated as fully-fledged Canadians. We would not dare do that with any other ethnic group, and we should not do it with the Indians. But the implication is there in motion No. 4.

If we are to use the most up-to-date information issued by Statistics Canada, it must involve all Canadians. I believe the only reason the government is not including the data from native Indian communities in the labour force data is in order to keep the unemployment rate a little lower than it really is. If Indians were included, as in all good conscience they ought to be, the statistics would be considerably higher.

We have these two points, Mr. Speaker. There is the unacceptable, unjustifiable, biased and bigoted information that leads a government to say there is a race of people who will not be counted in the labour force for no other reason than that there is a separate department to look after them. It is high time we stopped having a cover-up and attempting to make the unemployment situation look a little better by not including certain groups.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The question is on the amendment of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 4 (Mr. Cullen) agreed to.

Mr. Alexander: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if it would be in order at this time for me to revert to motion No. 1 on the order paper which I believe was not completely dealt with before. His Honour, Mr. Speaker, had some reservations in terms of the amendment introduced in my name being beyond the scope of the act. The motion calls for provincial consultation. The minister rose at that time and indicated that he found the first part of the amendment unacceptable but was disposed to accept the second part of it. I think Your Honour will find there is all-party agreement at this time, subject to procedural acceptability, that I should move motion No. 1 again, with the unanimous consent of the House. I would, therefore, move:

That Bill C-27, an act to establish the department of employment and immigration et al as amended, be amended by adding immediately after line 42 in clause 5, page 2 thereof, the following subclause:

"(3) The minister, with the approval of the governor in council, may enter into an agreement with any province or group of provinces for the purpose of facilitating the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of unemployment insurance and manpower policies and programs".

For the information of hon. members, Mr. Speaker, this refers to the first motion on the order paper and to the second paragraph only. I understand it is agreeable not only to the minister but to all members of the House. Mr. Speaker, if the

[Mr. Malone.]

Chair needs time to consider the matter, perhaps I could introduce the motion later if necessary.

● (1140)

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, we do not object to the motion proposed now by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander), but I think he is right in anticipating certain procedural difficulties. First, Mr. Speaker ruled motion No. 1 out of order yesterday. Therefore, it is not before the House and the hon. member is now moving a new motion without having given notice. He can only do this with unanimous consent. We are prepared to give that consent.

Second, Mr. Speaker ruled yesterday that it was beyond the scope of the bill, and to get around that point the hon. member would need unanimous consent as well. We are prepared to give him unanimous consent to do this. I think the hon. member's last statement is correct; perhaps the Chair should be given time to sort it out. Even my good friend for Hamilton West should not be allowed to bring forward a motion any time the spirit moves him merely because the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) happens to agree with him. We still have the rules.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. Mr. Speaker ruled motion No. 1 out of order yesterday. The hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) has not asked for unanimous consent to place it before the House. Therefore, unless the hon. member has unanimous consent, the motion is not before the House. I am willing to hear argument on the point.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, the NDP House leader put the matter in its proper sequence. Yesterday, Mr. Speaker held the motion as being beyond the scope of the bill and it can be presented again only with the unanimous consent of the House. I would need unanimous consent to move the second portion of the motion. When I introduced the motion, I was seeking the unanimous consent of the House. Since the minister has indicated an interest in my motion, perhaps the comments I have made at this time could be considered as notice of my intention to introduce the motion. I seek unanimous consent to do something the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) is prepared to accept. I ask Your Honour to treat my comments as notice, and perhaps after you have had an opportunity to consult, to tell me when I can move the motion.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, we agreed to accept it yesterday.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. Has the hon. member unanimous consent to present his motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.