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debate it is out of order to refer to anything that took place in another debate in the same session. I think, in the interests of proper procedure in this house, the hon. member should not attempt to revive on item one of the labour estimates a debate that took place on an amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Act. I would suggest that the hon. member who has the floor should not stoop to such a flagrant breaking of the rules of this house. I would suggest that in the interests of orderly procedure no member should refer in one debate to action taken by members in another.

The Deputy Chairman: I think I made it quite clear to the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway that he could not refer to a debate concerning a matter that has already been voted on in the house and on which the house has made its decision. I hope the hon. member will bear that in mind.

Mr. Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway): I would be the last to want to offend against the rules of the house, Mr. Chairman, but I simply felt that the facts should be set straight at this time.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Chairman, I raised a particular question earlier in the consideration of this item. You know, Mr. Chairman, if these people opposite would like to make comments I would appreciate it if they would do so in a loud voice so I can hear them or make them in the proper way by standing up and doing so instead of sniping and yapping away like a little terrier puppy. I asked the minister a question concerning the ratification of I.L.O. convention No. 87 concerning freedom of association and protection of the right to organize. I raised this matter earlier and I only make these comments to refresh the memory of the minister because so much has intervened since then. The convention provides that workers' and employers' organizations shall not be liable to be dissolved or suspended by administrative authority or interfered with by public authority as was done in Newfoundland by the politicians of that province.

I asked the minister then and I ask him now whether it would not be possible for Canada to ratify this convention. I make reference to it particularly but there are many others which Canada has not ratified. Could not Canada ratify this convention in so far as it applies to the field of jurisdiction of the federal government or the Department of Labour without in any way having any effect upon the provinces? Will the minister indicate whether action is contemplated to ratify convention No. 87? If that step is taken he will realize it may prevent some

[Mr. Argue.]

other minister of labour—I do not include the present minister because I am sure he probably does not entertain thoughts of this nature—from taking precisely the same disgraceful steps that were taken in the province of Newfoundland. Will the minister take under consideration the possibility of ratifying convention No. 87 in so far as the jurisdiction of the Canadian parliament is concerned?

Mr. Starr: In answer may I advise the hon. member that I will confer with the Department of Justice in order to receive their advice.

Mr. Howard: As indicated by the minister in answer to a question of mine, there are some 93 international labour organization conventions which have not been ratified by Canada. I have here a list of them giving their numbers, their dates of passage by the I.L.O. and an indication of their subject matter such as unemployment, maternity protection, night work, minimum age and so on. The reason given by the minister is that they all fall partially within the legislative jurisdiction of the provinces. Will the minister confer with the Department of Justice to ascertain our position with respect to the rest of these I.L.O. conventions? I point out that they all fall in substantially the same category. I should also like to ask for permission to have this table incorporated as part of the proceedings.

The Deputy Chairman: Has the hon. member the unanimous consent of the committee to have the table he has referred to printed in *Hansard*?

Mr. Pickersgill: Would the hon. gentleman explain what the table is? I am afraid I did not catch what he said.

Mr. Howard: I thought I had done so. This is sessional paper No. 80A. It contains the minister's reply to a question of mine and the conventions not ratified by Canada are listed numerically and there is also an indication of the subject matter and the year in which the conventions were adopted by the I.L.O. It indicates which ones have not been ratified by Canada.

Mr. Pickersgill: Has this not already been printed if it is an answer to a question?

Mr. Howard: No, it was an order for return.

The Deputy Chairman: Has the hon. member unanimous consent to have this list printed in *Hansard*.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

(Editor's note: The list above referred to follows:)