

union situation in Montreal. When referring to the Montreal unions, he said that they will have to learn.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. MacInnis: Let him answer that one.

An hon. Member: Send him back to the mines.

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, may I speak on the original question of privilege, although in a more peaceful manner. The matter is important to this House and I should like the minister to pay heed to what I am saying. Will he make clear to this House whether the operators who answer when we dial 151 are employees of the Government of Canada or the Bell Telephone company.

Mr. Mackasey: I think that question had better be addressed to Mr. Speaker. I am not sure.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Ricard: Sit down, then.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think we ought to go on with our business. I can assure hon. members the operators are not employees of the Speaker.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the exchange is a Government of Canada exchange and not an exchange of the House of Commons. I submit, therefore, that the minister should answer on behalf of the government and not hide behind Your Honour.

Mr. Mackasey: When hon. members dial 151, I think they will find that they are in contact with an automatic switchboard. So, it is hard to blame the operators. In any event, I will find out about this matter.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that there is much more confusion now than before. Perhaps the minister could look into the matter and make a statement to the House tomorrow.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege relating to a comment made by the Minister of Labour who cast aspersions on hon. members on this side of the House by alleging they are anti-labour. I happen to sit on this side of the House and belong to the Progressive Conservative Party, but I am sure

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I speak for all members of the Progressive Conservative Party when I say we are not anti-labour.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): The minister, of all people, does not have the entire sympathy of the labour movement. For many years some of us who sit on this side of the House participated in the labour movement, and we are sympathetic to it. I do not think it is appropriate, therefore, for the minister to cast aspersions on hon. members of this party who are sympathetic towards labour. This is what occurred, and I suggest that the minister's tactics should not be looked on lightly.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

• (5:10 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: Now that the question of privilege has been resolved, we will proceed with the business before the House which I believe is Bill S-10.

PRIVATE BILLS

PITTS INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Sudbury) moved that Bill S-10, to incorporate Pitts Insurance Company, as reported (with an amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, be concurred in.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

PITTS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Sudbury) moved that Bill S-11, to incorporate Pitts Life Insurance Company, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.