

Motions to Adjourn

FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR TRANSPORT OF COAL

Question No. 1,390—**Mr. Harding:**

For the fiscal years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70 (estimated) (a) what was the total subsidy paid by the federal government for the transport of coal (b) where, by province and company, did the subsidized coal shipments originate and in what quantities (c) to whom and in what amounts were the subsidies paid (d) of the total subsidized coal shipments, how much was (i) exported (ii) used in Canada?

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND, SUPER-ANNUATION PENSION FUND AND CANADA PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Question No. 1,632—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. (a) Do male and female employees pay into the Workmen's Compensation Fund at the same rates (b) what benefits are available to widows and children under the death benefit provision of the Workmen's Compensation Act (c) what benefits are available to widowers and children under the death benefit provision of this Act (d) if Part (b) and (c) are differentiated, what is the basis (e) if Parts (b) and (c) are differentiated, is the government considering a change to eliminate this distinction?

2. (a) Do male and female employees pay into the Superannuation Pension Fund at the same rates (b) what benefits are available to widows and children under the death benefit provision of the Superannuation Pension Fund (c) what benefits are available to widowers and children under the Death Benefit Provision of this Act (d) if Part (b) and (c) are differentiated, what is the basis (e) if Parts (b) and (c) are differentiated, is the government considering a change to eliminate this distinction?

3. (a) Do male and female employees pay into the Canada Pension Plan at the same rates and, if not, for what reason (b) if there is a difference, is the government considering a change to eliminate this distinction?

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MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

CRIMINAL CODE

INADEQUACY OF ABORTION PROVISIONS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by my hon. friend from Greenwood, to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the mounting evidence that present abortion legislation is quite

[Mr. Godin.]

inadequate to deal with the need for therapeutic abortions and with the growing number of illegal abortions throughout Canada.

• (2:10 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway has given notice of her intention to move the adjournment of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 26 to discuss the matter to which she has just referred. With respect, I have to suggest to the hon. member that, in my view, the situation to which she alludes is not one which falls procedurally within the terms of Standing Order 26.

The hon. member questions the adequacy of current legislation with respect to abortion. I suggest that it would be a questionable practice to initiate the consideration of amendments to statutes by way of debate under Standing Order 26. After giving the matter the most serious consideration, I must rule that the hon. member's proposed motion cannot be put to the House at this time.

POST OFFICE

COMMENTS OF POSTMASTER GENERAL ON UNION PROPOSALS AND DEPARTMENTAL CONDITIONS

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 26 I ask leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the exacerbation of the difficulties in labour-management relations in the Post Office Department resulting from the widely reported comments of the Postmaster General in reference to the proposals of the union representatives and also in reference to the conditions prevailing in the department which he heads.

Considering the gravity of this issue, the urgency in so far as time is concerned, and the possibility of an impending national crisis, I urge that the House discuss this serious national matter this day.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Hillsborough has filed the required notice which has given me an opportunity to give the most serious consideration to all aspects of the matter to which his proposed motion has reference. All hon. members are agreed, I am sure, that the postal situation and the