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Mr. Caouetie: Mr. Speaker, is the minister prepared to make the employees who are working to rules understand the importance of accepting university students as temporary workers during the summer?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I understand the importance of the matter brought up by the hon. member, but as this problem has more to do with labour disputes, I believe that the Minister of Labour could probably answer the question more adequately.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Labour like to answer this question?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I have no answer to this question for the moment.

[English]

NATIONAL REVENUE

RESOLVING OF DISPUTE INVOLVING WINDSOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Can he advise the House whether the situation at the Windsor customs port has been rectified?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): At the Windsor port, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member refers to the walkout that took place two week ends ago. Sure, it was rectified.

FINANCE

FREEING OF DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE—COM-PENSATORY ACTION BY COLUMBIA CELLULOSE COMPANY

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, in light of the unscheduled absence of the Minister of Finance and even of the Minister without Portfolio attached to the Minister of Finance I would like to ask the Prime Minister whether he has noted that in order to compensate for the floating dollar the Columbia Cellulose Company, Limited, one of the largest pulp exporters in Canada, established effective immediately a has Canadian currency equalization surcharge of between 5 per cent and 8 per cent on all its foreign sales of pulp? Would the Prime Minister take this into account and have a reply prepared indicating what counter-measures Canada will have to take in order to prevent resort to this sort of thing and to protect Canadian business?

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Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Finance I will take notice of that suggestion.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege on behalf of the Minister of Finance, who took the trouble to explain to me last evening that he would be unavoidably unable to be in the House today but that he will be here tomorrow, I think I should say that on his behalf.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

SOCIAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I would first like to commend the minister on his speech to the Algoma Liberal Association—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot himself make a speech. He has the floor for the purpose of asking a question.

Mr. Marshall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In view of his comment in that speech that justice delayed is justice denied, would he advise the House when we can expect the report on social legislation, particularly in so far as it includes war veterans allowances and disability pensions, and will he assure the House that it will be presented before the end of this session?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, so far as war veterans allowances and disability pensions are concerned I will leave that question to be answered by my colleague, the Minister of Veterans Affairs. So far as the other aspect of the hon. member's question is concerned, I have indicated to the House on several occasions that I expect the white paper will be brought before the House before the end of this session.

Mr. Marshall: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I should like to have clarified who is responsible for war veterans allowances and disability pensions.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would suggest to the hon. member that this is not the occasion to achieve this kind of clarification.