

Proposed Legislation

tion of protecting even the present inadequate opportunities for higher education. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That this House regrets the failure of the Secretary of State to construct a student employment program based and administered according to the desire of the Canadian people to have public moneys employed primarily to assist low-income and married students to obtain equal access to higher education; and that this House urges the government to immediately apply those criteria to present programs and consider further programs that will pursue this end.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent. This motion requires unanimous consent. Is there such unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

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MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

[*Translation*]

Mr. H.-Pit Lessard ((LaSalle) for Mr. Forget) moved that the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, tabled in the House on Friday, June 25, 1971, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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[*English*]

COMPETITION ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING REGULATION OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, HONEST AND FAIR DEALING, COMPETITIVE PRACTICES TRIBUNAL

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-256, to promote competition, to provide for the general regulation of trade and commerce, to promote honest and fair dealing, to establish a Competitive Practices Tribunal and the office of commissioner, to repeal the Combines Investigation Act and to make consequential amendments to the Bank Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[*Mr. McCutcheon.*]

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

INDIAN AFFAIRS

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS BY TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 26 to move a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the responsibility of the government to the native people of the Northwest Territories and the manner in which the government is seeking to evade that responsibility by determining that programs for the native people and the administration thereof should be operated through the Territorial Council.

The notice I sent Your Honour contained some additional remarks and I am sure Your Honour will be pleased to find that I do not intend to refer to them now. Perhaps I might make one comment anticipating what you might say with respect to the budget debate which is now in progress.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member might agree to make that comment after the Chair has made its observations. In view of the hon. member's comment I shall say nothing about the budget debate.

The hon. member for Skeena has given notice to the Chair of his intention to propose this motion. I have considered it carefully and given consideration not only to what the hon. member has said today but to the lengthy argument he advanced in his notice in support of the proposed motion. Without alluding in any way to the opportunity for debate which the hon. member appeared to fear might be the ground on which a decision would be reached by the Chair, I would indicate to the hon. member that in my view this is not the kind of motion or the kind of subject which ought to be considered under the terms of Standing Order 26. This is essentially a motion of non-confidence. It is a substantive motion. It does not deal with a matter which is a sudden occurrence. For these reasons I do not think the Chair would be well advised to set aside the business of the House for today for the purpose of considering the subject matter proposed for study by the House under the terms of Standing Order 26.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Would Your Honour permit me to say a few words with respect to the suddenness with which this question has arisen? I submit it is sudden. One of the propositions is due to come into effect—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows he cannot discuss the basis upon which a decision has been given. If we allow a debate on whether the Chair is correct in its assessment of a situation we shall find that on every occasion a motion under Standing Order 26 is presented to the House a debate will arise on whether or not the Chair was correct in suggesting that there would be an opportunity for debate, or that the matter was not