

Unemployment Insurance Act

The same thing is true for the provincial governments, the school boards and the municipal governments. It is the same thing for several large institutions in Canada.

Therefore, how can we expect that there will be something left, some economic blood to enable Canadians to invest, to develop new industries, new natural resources? We lack capital. The present government and the present administration take it all. There is none left for the citizens.

[English]

Mr. Mackasey: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I have listened with a great deal of interest to the remarks of the hon. member. I wonder, however, whether he might be confusing this debate with the debate we expect to have next week on the supplementary estimates.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tardif): I think the hon. gentleman probably has strayed from the bill under consideration, but I believe he meant to refer to the matter of unemployment as it relates to this bill.

[Translation]

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Speaker, I know that nobody likes to be told what is now happening under the present system and what causes unemployment. I am speaking about unemployment, and its causes. If there were no causes, there would be no unemployment and it is precisely why I am dealing with the problem of unemployment, exposing its causes and all the factors which compel citizens to remain idle and to live at the expense of others.

Those who are now working are robbed, in order to give to the unemployed. We have reached a point where the worker does not get more than the unemployed drawing welfare allowances. Such is the present system and we are led to believe that it is good and that the present economy can be maintained.

There are two prominent economists who are trying to find all kinds of solutions to our problems, but they are never in a position to apply them. The problem remains the same: it is always unemployment, misery in the midst of affluence. There has never been a balance in Canada between production and consumption, between misery and affluence.

I could go on much longer but other hon. members want to speak. Besides, I think I have said enough. Several people have made pretty speeches, but more than speeches are

[Mr. Latulippe.]

needed to solve the problem of unemployment. We should take concrete steps to remedy that situation. If there is a surplus of products, we should be able—

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tardif): Order. It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members business as listed on today's order paper, namely public bills and private bills.

Mr. Mackasey: Mr. Speaker, while on the surface this bill may appear to be rather minor in nature I should like to point out that before the increased benefits to workers can become effective many weeks of contributions will be required. Therefore I should not like to jeopardize the unemployed people this winter as a result of this bill being held up. If hon. members agree I might suggest that we forgo private members hour so that I might speak on second reading in order to answer many of the questions which have been so eloquently raised this afternoon.

Mr. Monteith: We would be agreeable to this, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the desire of the minister to secure a relatively early passage of this bill, but I believe the hour set aside for the consideration of private bills and public bills is one of some importance. I am sure the minister will be able to arrange with the house leader to have this matter brought forward early next week, at which time he would have an opportunity to make his remarks.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tardif): Is there unanimous consent that the house forego private members hour?

Mr. Barnett: No, Mr. Speaker.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Mackasey: Mr. Speaker, possibly the house would like to know the order of business for Monday. It will be as follows, the committee stage on the income tax bill, the supplementary estimates—

Mr. Monteith: Would the minister mind giving the name and the item number?

Mr. Mackasey: I do not have the item numbers. I will repeat it more slowly. The committee stage of the income tax bill, supplementary estimates, second reading of the bill to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, and then the Patent and Trade Marks Act.