

## Supply—Labour

consideration. I can assure all hon. members who have spoken that we will undertake to do that following the end of the session with respect to those points that come within the jurisdiction of the government, although I do not think some of them do.

There were two points raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre concerning which I should like to make a short comment. He stated that Canada only came under the line in its social security measures in comparison with the standard set by the ILO convention. I think he was not quite fair in that he did not add those social security measures which exist in the ten provinces of Canada and which you must take into account if you are going to compare social security measures within Canada with those within a unitary state such as the United Kingdom.

I am not going to enlarge on that point, but inherent in it is the reason Canada's employer delegates voted against the convention. Our government delegates would have preferred, as would the employer delegates, if ILO had made it a recommendation. We felt that because of our split jurisdiction the principle inherent in the recommendation could have just as effectively been carried out if it had been left as a recommendation, but we felt too that Canada as a country should not vote against the recommendation. The employer delegates felt the other way and so voted against it. But I would not like the impression to be left that Canada's employer delegates voted against the principle involved because they were not against the principle involved.

Other than that, Mr. Chairman, I should just like to express my gratitude for the constructive manner and the high level on which this discussion has been carried on so far, and I will answer any questions.

Item agreed to.

181. Annuities Act—administration, \$916,085.

**Mr. Knowles:** I rise simply to express my regret that the government did not see fit to go forward with the bill to amend the Annuities Act which was before parliament in 1951, had second reading, went to the committee and received the endorsement of the committee. I regret that in the sessions that have followed since that time the government has not seen fit to reintroduce that legislation.

Item agreed to.

182. Fair wages, conciliation, industrial relations, industrial disputes investigations, including the administration of legislation relating thereto, and for activities re promotion of co-operation in industry between labour and management, \$446,627.

**Mr. McLure:** I am going to take hardly any time at all. I would have liked to speak on the first item, but I know that time is rather precious and it is getting late. I want to ask one favour of the Minister of Labour. In Charlottetown we have machine shops. Recently I have had telegrams, as I believe the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Labour have had, stating that the machine shops are closed because no work was given them by the Department of Defence Production. Without elaborating on the matter at all, I want to ask the Minister of Labour to urge the Minister of Defence Production and other ministers that something be done to provide work for the 200 men who have been laid off. It would be a good idea to do a little decentralizing and give our machine shops an opportunity. They have qualified men who can do all kinds of repairs. What we have done in the past is proof that we have the men to do the work. I ask that favour of the Minister of Labour.

**Mr. Gregg:** I shall give consideration to my hon. friend's request.

Item agreed to.

185. *Labour Gazette*, authorized by Labour Department Act, \$136,183.

**Mr. Knowles:** I rise simply to say something I have wanted to say in other years but have let the item go by without doing so. I simply wish to say that those who edit and publish the *Labour Gazette* do a good job.

Item agreed to.

Terminable services—

193. To provide for expenditures incurred in implementing recommendations of the national advisory council on manpower, and for the administrative costs of the council, \$66,780.

**Mrs. Fairclough:** Mr. Chairman, I notice a great reduction in the appropriation for this item, and may I ask the minister if it is the educational council grant that we are holding up?

**Mr. Gregg:** No, Mr. Chairman. Last year we had some very special items which arose out of the recommendations made by the manpower council. In other words it was terminal allowances, stockpiling certain material against emergency. It does not reappear this year.

Item agreed to.

195. To provide for expenses that may be incurred in the arranging for and the movement of workers from outside Canada to work on farms and other essential industry in Canada when Canadian labour is not available to meet the need, including costs connected with the supervision and welfare of