

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 7, 1968

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have the honour to inform the house that a communication has been received as follows:

7th March, 1968

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Gérard Fauteux, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 7th March, 1968, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Louis-Frémont Trudeau,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS— TENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. H. E. Gray (Essex West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the tenth report of the standing committee on finance, trade and economic affairs returning Bill No. S-25 to the house.

[Note: Text of foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gérard Laniel (Beauharnois-Salaberry) moved that the first report of the standing committee on national defence, presented to the house on Tuesday, March 5, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

TABLING OF INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED AT FIFTY FIRST CONFERENCE

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with article 19 of the constitution of the International Labour

Organization I wish to table the texts in English and French of the instruments adopted at the fifty first international labour conference held in Geneva, Switzerland in June of last year.

Six instruments were adopted at the conference, two conventions and four recommendations. The opinion of the Minister of Justice is that the subject matter of each of the conventions and recommendations is partially within federal legislative jurisdiction and partially within provincial legislative jurisdiction.

Convention No. 127 and its accompanying recommendation No. 128 are designed to protect workers against the risk to health of being required to carry very heavy loads. Consultations will proceed with the provinces toward the objective of meeting these I.L.O. safety standards, which may permit eventual ratification of the convention with the agreement of all provinces.

Convention No. 128 and its accompanying recommendation No. 131 revise and consolidate six conventions adopted in 1933 on invalidity, old age and survivors' benefits in industry and agriculture. My department and the Department of National Health and Welfare are studying this convention, and conventions Nos. 102 and 118 which also deal with social security, with a view to their possible ratification by Canada.

Two other recommendations were adopted by the 1967 I.L.O. conference dealing with relations between management and workers at the level of the undertaking. Recommendation No. 129 sets forth the essentials of a communications policy at various levels within an undertaking, in respect of information channels and media, working conditions, job descriptions, safety and health, welfare services, social security and other matters. Recommendation No. 130 sets forth the general principles for the examination of grievances and procedures for their adjustment within the undertaking.

Mr. Speaker: Has the minister leave to table the documents to which he has referred?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.