

A supplementary period of two weeks could have been proposed, in order to enable an employee to find some work.

An employee who has received a two-week notice and who must remain in the factory will find it difficult to seek employment, for his boss will seldom grant him one or two hours off per day for that purpose.

This period of two weeks should be granted with two more weeks, for the sole purpose of allowing an employee to seek another job.

As for the International Labour Conference (1963), I feel that the reasons given by an employer to fire an employee are still far from warrantable or warranted, because paternalism still rules in certain factories. Indeed, a foreman who prefers the gait of a 20-year-old employee to that of a 40-year-old one, will often find some mysterious reason to throw the latter out. We are only too aware that there are still injustices committed for such reasons.

[English]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Would the hon. member permit a question? Since he seems to like the principle of the bill but wishes its provisions to be

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improved, will he not move that the bill be not now read the second time but that the subject matter thereof be referred to the Standing Committee in order that it might be improved?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Boulanger: Mr. Speaker, this question is quite to the point and the hon. member asked it during the study of Bill C-43. As a matter of fact, he proceeded exactly in the same manner in directing a question to my colleague the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra (Mr. Deachman). But I just do not agree about the two-week period he proposes. I would have preferred that this period be of 30 days, two weeks of which, I repeat, would represent a holiday for—

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired.

At five o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.