

*Canadian Labour (Standards) Code*

proposal, may I, with the consent of the House, move the following motion under Standing Order 43:

That the subject matter of logging practices in national parks and in particular Wood Buffalo National Park, and government policies with respect thereto, including any agreements or other arrangements which might exist, be referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have some doubt as to the regularity of the motion proposed by the hon. member. Hon. members must realize that even under the terms of Standing Order 43 a motion before it is put to the House must be in order. I have the impression that the House has expressed its views regarding the matter raised by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni. It may be that this motion is somewhat different from the motion previously proposed by that hon. member, but I thought I should make these remarks to caution hon. members that under Standing Order 43 we should not have a series of motions dealing substantially with the same matter. Having said that, and hon. members having heard the motion to be proposed by the hon. member for Skeena asking that the matter be referred to a committee of the House, I have to inquire whether there is unanimous agreement.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to advise the hon. member that there is not unanimity and therefore the motion cannot be put.

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## AMENDMENT RESPECTING LAY-OFFS OF EMPLOYEES

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-216, to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Brewin:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to require that there be no lay-offs of persons employed in federal industries, where a person has been employed for one month, without six months' written notice, and no mass lay-offs of ten or more employees in such industries without six months' written notice.

The bill would recognize the property right of an employee in his job where he has not been guilty of wilful misconduct and would protect this right. There have been many recent examples in industries of mass lay-offs with inadequate notice—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but he knows that under the terms of

[Mr. Howard (Skeena).]

Standing Order 68(2)—would the hon. member kindly resume his seat—he can only give a very succinct explanation. He cannot argue his case. I have the impression he is launching into an argument. He should indicate briefly what the purpose of the bill is and not argue the merits of the bill at this time.

**Mr. Brewin:** I had come to the last sentence and was going to say that the bill would prevent the consequent disruption of the lives of employees and their families.

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

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

## SKEENA CONSTITUENCY STATISTICS

Question No. 221—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. What is the population in the constituency of Skeena with an indication of the date upon which such census or estimate was made?
2. What is the population of Indians, by census count or estimate, in the constituency of Skeena with an indication of the date upon which such census or estimate was made?
3. How many (a) male (b) female Indians in the constituency of Skeena have completed (i) grade 10 (ii) grade 12?
4. How many Indians are employed by the federal government in the constituency of Skeena?
5. How many Indians in the constituency of Skeena earn more than \$3,600.00 per year?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as follows: 1. The latest population count available for the Skeena constituency is that of the 1966 Census when the population amounted to 73,682.

2. Statistics maintained in the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development indicate that the population of Indians in the Constituency of Skeena as of December 31, 1969 was approximately 13,100.

3. Information is not available on the total number of Indians in the constituency of Skeena who have completed Grade 10 and Grade 12. Records indicate that during the past five years the following number of Indian students have completed grade 10 and 12. (a) (i) 15; (ii) 5. (b) (i) 13; (ii) 6.

4. There are 50 Indians employed in classified positions, and 33 Indians are employed on projects on a casual basis by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.