

ance Commission as proposed by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and which are unfair to the lumber industry workers who are subject to cutbacks three weeks after having applied.

Considering that 90 per cent of lumberjacks are disqualified and penalized and that the officials of the Unemployment Insurance Commission are applying the new legislation before it is passed, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the Minister of Manpower and Immigration take measures to correct these inequities.

Mr. Speaker: The motion moved by the hon. member requires, once again, the unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not, apparently at least, and this motion cannot be put to the House under Standing Order 43.

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[English]

RURAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES BILL

On the order: Introduction of Bills:

February 9—Mr. Howard—Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the establishment of Rural Airport Development Advisory Committees".

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I understand that some surgery has taken place. However, I have not yet seen the revised bill and I wonder whether it could stand until I do.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF REPORTS WHEN PARLIAMENT NOT SITTING

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-144, to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act (report on administration).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. member shall have leave to introduce the said bill?

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to change the present situation which does not oblige the government to keep the public informed by publishing monthly reports on the Department of Regional Economic Expansion when parliament is not in session, as was the case for so many months last year. This bill will require the government to keep the public advised on a monthly basis, to give an accounting, as it were, of DREE in the same way that monthly reports are made available with

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regard to the consumer price index and unemployment statistics.

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

MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

INDIAN AFFAIRS

NEGOTIATION OF ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 26 to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the statement made yesterday by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau)—I do not want to impinge upon his eggshell sensitivity but I think this is accurate—that his government is prepared to negotiate the matter of aboriginal and/or land claims with a specific group of Indian people, and the effect this will have upon all Indian and Eskimo people in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Due notice of the hon. member's intention to propose a motion under the terms of Standing Order 26 has been received by the Chair. As was stated on February 8 last, the Chair recognizes the special circumstances relating to the question of aboriginal rights. Obviously this is a problem which is of continuing concern to hon. members. This was further shown yesterday, not only during the question period but also by the fact that a motion in the same area was proposed by the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands (Miss MacDonald).

Hon. members are quite familiar with the terms of Standing Order 26 and with the fact that there are a number of factors to be considered by the Chair in determining whether the government business called for the day should be set aside to discuss a matter by virtue of Standing Order 26. I would think that both the Standing Order and the precedents would require that the Chair take into account the fact that by unanimous decision of the House the annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has been referred to the standing committee for the very purpose of considering aboriginal rights. I hasten to say at the same time that this in itself is not sufficient to reach the decision that a debate should not take place under Standing Order 26.

Another relevant aspect is the opportunity for debate in the near future. I have been of the opinion that, in view of the deep concern of all members about this important and urgent matter of national interest, there should be provided an opportunity for debate either by agreement between members or by a motion under Standing Order 43, under the terms of Standing Order 58, or under the provisions of Standing Order 26.

As the Chair suggested on February 8 when a similar motion was put forward by the hon. member for Athabasca and the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands, the door should not be closed on the possibility of an emer-