

Adjournment Debate

Member, A & P must keep the 7,479 employees in the 93 stores concerned. The agreement also protects the jobs of a further 429 working in the warehouse and in administration. In any case, it was expected that 373 full-time and 300 casual employees would be laid off by Dominion Stores Limited because of a reduction in activities following the sale. To help these employees, a complete program was set up covering lay-off notices, severance pay, adjustment committees consisting of representatives of the company and the federal and provincial governments, as well as a number of relocation

counsellors from the private sector. It is estimated that the program will cost Dominion \$6 million.

The screening process was necessary because A & P is controlled by non-Canadians. The sale or closing of one or more stores by Canadian investors is not subject to screening by the Government under the provisions of the Foreign Investment Review Act.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

The House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.
