

Statute Law Amendment Act, 1970

**PRICE STABILITY**

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

23, I wonder if the minister is able to make a statement as to what progress his department is making in this regard.

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** May I ask the minister whether the investigation is going on and if the minister expects to give the results of that investigation to the House fairly soon?

**Mr. Basford:** My officers are still considering the matter, and when it is useful for me to say something I will make a statement in the House.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

INFLATION—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON FUTURE GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** I have a question for the Prime Minister. As the control of inflation is impossible without the active co-operation of organized labour, and as the government has failed to receive assurance of that co-operation today, would the Prime Minister take the first opportunity on motions to outline to the House what steps the government intends to take in pursuit of its control of inflation in the future?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Without waiting for that occasion, I will say that we do not share the opinion of the opposition that control of inflation is impossible.

**Mr. Hees:** May I take it then that it is possible to control inflation without the co-operation of labour?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**POLLUTION**

NAMING OF MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, on February 20 the House agreed to a motion to set up a special committee of the House on pollution. I wish to ask the President of the Privy Council when we can expect a motion before the House listing the membership of that committee?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** I believe I am correct in saying that we do not yet have the nominees from all parties, but I will check it.

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** I wish to ask either the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs or the President of the Privy Council why the government has not brought forward government order No. 53 which was put on the Order Paper on December 17 last for the purpose of setting up a joint parliamentary committee to study the reports of the Prices and Incomes Commission, and whether it is intended to deal with that order very soon?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** The principal reason is that we wanted to give precedence to the second reading stage of legislation and, as the hon. member knows, there has been a considerable volume of legislation on the Order Paper. It is hoped we can get to it very quickly.

**MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES**

PROCEDURAL IMPLICATIONS OF FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Speaker:** Before proceeding to orders of the day may I refer to a suggestion I made to the House last week that the Chair had serious misgivings about a report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates. I have studied the matter since then and might be in a position to give my view. However, I understand that the hon. member for Peace River has his own views which he wants to bring to the attention of the House. There is perhaps not all that much urgency about the matter, and it might wait until tomorrow at which time the Chair could hear the views of interested hon. members on it. Orders of the day.

● (3:30 p.m.)

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

STATUTE LAW (SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT BENEFITS) AMENDMENT ACT, 1970

MEASURE TO SUPPLEMENT PENSIONS

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (for the President of the Treasury Board)** moved that Bill C-194, to provide supplementary benefits for certain persons in receipt of pensions payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and to