

Pacific Coast Longshoremen Dispute

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, will the minister give us a brief explanation of this bill?

Mr. Hellyer: It is in respect of visiting forces, not only those from NATO and the United States, but all visiting forces.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

LABOUR RELATIONS

PACIFIC COAST LONGSHOREMEN DISPUTE—
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER
STANDING ORDER 26(1)

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, under standing order 26(1) I request leave to move the adjournment of this house to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely the work stoppage which is tying up shipping on Canada's Pacific coast.

Mr. Speaker: Will the hon. member address the house and the Chair on the question of urgency of debate?

Mr. Johnston: Mr. Speaker, on the question of urgency, last August this entire parliament was called into emergency session to pass legislation to end a work stoppage which was threatening the economy of the nation. Today we have another work stoppage, further removed from Ottawa, which is again threatening the economy of the entire nation. Representations have been made in this house for the last few days concerning the growing seriousness of this stoppage. By the end of next week 10,000 forestry workers in the province of British Columbia will be laid off. The fruit industry has wired the Prime Minister and various other ministers to the effect that it is imperative the federal government intervene without further delay to prevent disastrous financial losses to that industry, which has suffered natural losses in recent years.

We are informed that this case is before the courts and that there is a possibility the Maritime Employers Association may obtain compensation for their losses. But who will compensate the fruit grower, the logger, or any other citizen whose income is curtailed and whose livelihood is threatened by this stoppage? If legislation is necessary, let the government bring it in as it did to end the rail strike. If the Canada Labour Relations Board requires additional powers, then let us grant those powers. The vacuum which exists in labour legislation, and which is demonstrated

Council. Parliament will be asked to appropriate about \$17 million for use by the council in the fiscal year 1967-68 and to increase this base figure in the two succeeding fiscal years in accord with a percentage increase to be recommended to parliament for the other two major research agencies. This should enable the Canada Council to make a new and even stronger contribution both to the knowledge of our social and human problems and to the development of our national cultural life.

[Translation]

PRODUCTS WEIGHT AND PRICE ACT
INDICATION OF INFORMATION ON
PACKAGED PRODUCTS

Mr. Patrick Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe) asked leave to introduce Bill No. C-250, an act concerning weight and price of products.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide that in retail sales of domestic commodities, according to the definition given therein, the price and weight should appear on a label affixed to the product.

The consumer would thus be in a position to compare the actual price of two similar products made available in different sizes by different companies.

This will facilitate the task of the consumer and will enable him to select the prime quality product for the best price possible. In addition, I am convinced that this will enable him to make some rather substantial savings each week.

[English]

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the bill be read a second time?

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, in view of the roar of applause from the government side, could we have unanimous consent to deal with this matter now?

VISITING FORCES ACT

CONSOLIDATION OF PROVISIONS UNDER
GENERAL ACT

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. S-50 (from the Senate), respecting the armed forces of countries visiting Canada.