

and Organization to examine this problem and to come to some answers as to how we should deal with the matter on a continuing basis. I take the step also because I wish to stress that there are deep differences among members and parties in this House, and whatever course I take should give recognition to the fact that the House should move as quickly and as directly as possible to a debate which would permit full and further discussion of those differences, not only regarding the procedural aspects of the bill but its substantive aspects as well. I have taken this course in order to ensure free liberty by all members of the House to file such report stage amendments as they desire, with plenty of advance notice in order to make sure that all questions are fully and openly discussed in the House.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of privilege arising from the remarks made a few moments ago by the Acting Prime Minister. Last Friday the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), and a few moments ago the Acting Prime Minister, referred to questions that I had asked in this House as silly.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, while I quite realize that I would have a very difficult time to be as silly as the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Guay), I submit this is nothing more than an attempt to hide the giving of embarrassing information. Nevertheless, I believe that any member has a legitimate question of privilege when both the Prime Minister and the acting Prime Minister come into this chamber and mock the democratic process by arrogant, flippant and insulting answers.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Cossitt: Surely, Mr. Speaker, there never was a more arrogant or worse government in the history of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I cannot conceive why the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Cossitt) chose to put me in the same boat. I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that if the hon. member for Leeds has doubts concerning himself, for my part, I have none. Anyhow, I would like to indicate to the House that when I ask a question, it makes sense.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

Second report of Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, in both official languages—**Mr. Dupras.**

Order Paper Questions

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE IN QUEBEC—TABLING OF REPORT OF CONCILIATION COMMISSIONER

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table the report of Chief Judge A. B. Gold, conciliation commissioner, in the dispute affecting the Maritime Employers Association and the International Longshoremen's Association, local 1657.

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[Translation]

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques) moved that the third report of the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, presented to the House on Thursday, April 17, 1975, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 924, 1,819, 1,875, 1,912, 1,944, 2,108, 2,132 and 2,216.

Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 708, 2,038 and 2,116 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

UIC—NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, 1974

Question No. 924—**Mr. Alexander:**

1. How many persons were in receipt of unemployment insurance payments in each month of 1974, at the time each month (or during the time period each month) in which Statistics Canada took its sample of unemployment levels?

2. In each month, what was the level of unemployment?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1.