

Questions

Mr. Peters: I think we should concentrate on the other legislation and leave the routine proceedings until later. I know we have the routine proceedings before us but we should waive them until these other two matters are settled. I understood that was the agreement. If we embark on the adoption of committee reports we shall be back in a regular session and it will be said that we are not handling the railway strike as an emergency.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry if I said anything that was misunderstood. I thought I had agreed—and of course all I could do was agree because it was for the house to decide—that we should waive consideration of all legislation until we had finished the railway legislation so that we could go straight ahead with that legislation. I was not of the impression that that covered routine proceedings. That would be a matter for the house to decide, not the government.

If we could carry on as we are now doing today, perhaps the house leaders could get together and see if any further agreement is needed to proceed with the railway legislation. I suggest that if we can carry on today perhaps we can do away with private members' hour, which would give us an extra hour for discussion of the railway legislation.

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is my understanding that we continue with routine proceedings. Is it an order of the house that we suspend the private members' hour?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. McIlraith: I wonder if we could have that order concerning private members' hour extended throughout the discussion of both the strike bill and all stages of the railway bill up to the conclusion of second reading?

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

VICTOR SPENCER—AMOUNTS PAID ON DISMISSAL

Question No. 972—**Mr. Cashin:**

1. What moneys, if any, have been paid or refunded to Victor Spencer by any agency of government since termination of his employment in the Post Office Department?

2. If any moneys were paid, on what grounds was such payment or refund made to Victor Spencer?

3. What civil service pension would Victor Spencer have received had his employment been terminated in the normal way?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): 1. (a) Balance of salary due at time of separation because of vacation leave to his credit and which he had not taken.

Gross amount	\$162.27
Less deductions	
Supplementary death benefit premiums for 6 months	12.00
Canada Pension Fund	2.92
Income tax	24.32

Net amount of cheque \$ 123.03

(b) Return of superannuation contributions

Gross amount	\$4,759.07
Less income tax	475.91

Net amount \$4,283.16

2. (a) Section 63 (1) of the Civil Service Act provides for the granting of vacation pay. At the time his sick leave with pay was exhausted he had eight days vacation pay to his credit. (b) Mr. Spencer was dismissed under section 50 of the Civil Service Act on grounds considered as misconduct under the Public Service Superannuation Act and section 11 (e) of the Public Service Superannuation Act provides for a return of contributions.

3. He would have been eligible for an annual allowance of \$1,833.70 less a deduction of \$120 per annum covering arrears payments for service in world war II, had his employment been terminated in the normal way.

***BONUSES TO BILINGUAL POLITICIANS**

Question No. 1,259—**Mr. Allard:**

Does the government intend to grant bonuses to political party leaders, members of the House of Commons and senators who use both of Canada's official languages?

[*Translation*]

Mr. John R. Matheson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

[*English*]

BRANCHES OF FOREIGN COMPANIES IN CANADA

Question No. 1,296—**Mr. Allard:**

1. When a foreign company wishes to open a branch in Canada, must it apply to any federal department or agency and, if so (a) to which one.