

(without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I understand there would be agreement on all sides to move the motion for third reading now. The minister would then call it one o'clock and speak at two o'clock when we resume.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time?

Some hon. Members: By leave, now.

Mr. Regan moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in standing to speak at the third reading stage of this bill the most appropriate thing I could do at this moment would be to ask if I may call it one o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m.

At 12.57 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. When the House arose at one o'clock p.m., the Minister of Labour (Mr. Regan) had been given the floor.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if you might ask the House for unanimous consent to allow the minister to speak a second or third time if we have any questions to ask as a result of his speech on third reading.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The minister is proposing third reading and the House would have to give unanimous consent for the Chair to recognize the Minister of Labour for another round.

Mr. Collenette: Well, Mr. Speaker, it is a most unusual request. If there could be some guarantee that there would be just one question from the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain (Mr. Hamilton), perhaps we could facilitate him.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): The reason for asking the question is that we went through the procedures pretty fast at five minutes to one and I had expected the minister would say a few words on third reading. From that speech I could then decide whether or not I was going to ask any questions. My point is that I understand the minister

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cannot speak more than once on third reading, so I am asking for unanimous consent to have him answer any questions we have.

Mr. Knowles: I was going to suggest, Mr. Speaker, that, as is sometimes said, when the minister finishes the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain (Mr. Hamilton) might ask a question or two before the minister sits down.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Provided the same privilege is extended to other members.

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, I think there is no problem in accommodating one member who perhaps was not at the committee when this matter was discussed. But if we are now suggesting a protracted question period where everyone has the right to question the minister on third reading, I think that would be a little too much to ask.

We are quite willing to accommodate a question by the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain, who might not have been here earlier or who might not have attended the committee meetings; but I think the suggestion made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, that the hon. member might want to ask a question and the minister might want to answer, is a frequent practice. However, to extend that rule to all members when we have other business to discuss would, I think, be a little too much to ask.

Mr. Hawkes: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to understand the commitment from the parliamentary secretary. Those who were not at committee and did not have—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There appears to be agreement that the Minister of Labour has the floor. At the end of his speech he would entertain a question from the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain.

Mr. Regan: Mr. Speaker, at one o'clock I had indicated that I was rising to speak on third reading of Bill S-4, an act to amend the Department of Labour Act of 1900. In doing so, may I say that I am pleased and a little surprised to see that there might be sufficient interest in a bill which is relatively narrow in its scope as to generate some questions. We will deal with those matters as they arise, perhaps at the end of my remarks.

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I imagine the large majority of the members of the House are familiar with the objective of this amendment which, in effect, would eliminate the legal requirement for the Department of Labour to publish the *Labour Gazette* and its companion *La Gazette du Travail*. I also suppose that hon. members may recall that this enabling legislation was originally placed before the House in December of 1978 and again reintroduced in October of 1979. Finally, second reading was last June 6. In