

Inquiries of the Ministry

WAYS AND MEANS

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That this house do at its next sitting resolve itself into a committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57.

Mr. Gordon Graydon (Peel): Mr. Speaker, the observations I made in connection with the preceding motion would apply to this one.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Graydon: On division.

Mr. Coldwell: On division.

Motion agreed to on division.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS DURING WINTER SEASON—VARIOUS AMENDMENTS

Hon. Paul Martin (for the Minister of Labour) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940, to provide for supplementary benefits during the winter season in any year and government financial contribution in consequence thereof, for additional insurance coverage, for readjustment and simplification of rates of contribution, and for consequential amendments; to provide also for an increase in the membership of the unemployment insurance advisory committee from six to eight members; and to provide further that the members of the national employment committee shall receive the same remuneration as the members of the unemployment insurance advisory committee.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

HOUSING

QUESTION AS TO SUBSIDIZED PROJECTS UNDER NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Resources and Development. Has the government reached agreement with any of the provinces for the construction of subsidized housing projects under section 35 of the National Housing Act which was passed at the session of last fall? If not, can the minister say whether negotiations in connection with such projects are under way?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Resources and Development): I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. Several provinces have indicated their intention of bringing in complementary legislation during the sessions this year of their legislatures. In the absence of authority, agreements cannot be entered into with the provinces for projects, but discussions have been and are taking place.

WHEAT

FINAL PAYMENT ON SALES BETWEEN 1945 AND 1949—INTERIM PAYMENT ON OATS AND BARLEY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Lake Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, or his parliamentary assistant, arising out of a number of resolutions passed by farm organizations. In view of the financial needs of farmers generally, particularly those in the drought area of Saskatchewan, has the wheat board given consideration to making a final payment in connection with the sales of wheat made between 1945 and 1949 so that farmers may be provided with the necessary resources for carrying on their spring work.

Mr. P. E. Wright (Melfort): I had intended to ask a similar question, but I would carry it a bit further. Has the government given consideration to making interim payments on the oats and barley marketed by the board this year?

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Commerce): I would prefer to treat the two questions as notices and bring forward the answers in a day or two.

AIR TRANSPORT

QUESTION AS TO PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION BY U.S. OF AIRPORT IN CANADIAN TERRITORY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jean François Pouliot (Temiscouata): Mr. Speaker, I have a question of some urgency and of great importance. If the answer cannot be given today I hope that it will be given tomorrow. I refer to a proposed aerodrome which Detroit, Michigan, or the United States government, is planning to build in Canadian territory in the vicinity of Windsor. I should like to ask if this proposal has actually been discussed by the United States and Canadian authorities. Will it mean the granting of extraterritorial rights in Canada to the United States? Who will build the aerodrome, and who will own it if it is built?