

If this sixty per cent is a responsibility of the minister, it is submitted that it is the duty of the minister to exercise supervision of the employment service, because it is through that service and by its staff that money voted is spent.

Unemployment insurance and the employment offices are a part of the general social security programme. They are primarily concerned with one of the most important fields of national welfare, the provision of insurance payments during periods of unemployment and the movement through the employment offices of persons in search of gainful employment.

It has facilities to deal with veterans and to meet the problems of persons requiring vocational guidance, or special attention due to physical handicap. It is already taking its proper place in the minds of both workers and employers, a place which they see is necessary in any plan to maintain a high and stable level of employment.

I imagine that most people have had contact with the employment service during the war, particularly when national selective service was in full operation.

I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that you call it six o'clock.

Mr. GRAYDON: I understood it was the minister's suggestion, which I think met with general approval, that following his statement the matter might stand and the debate be resumed at a later time. It was our understanding that this suggestion had received the approval of the house, so that perhaps at this time the debate might be adjourned.

Mr. MITCHELL: I am sorry; before I sat down I meant to mention that the hon. member for Vancouver East, together with my hon. friend the acting leader of the opposition, suggested that the resolution might pass now and that the debate on the principle be held on the second reading of the bill.

Mr. MacINNIS: I do not want to be deprived of the right to speak on this resolution if it comes up again, but under the procedure that has been developing in this house we have had no debate on the resolution, and the general debate has taken place on second reading of the bill. I think that is a good procedure to follow, since then we have the bill before us. So that if the other parties would agree to that, I see no reason why we should not have the bill introduced and given first reading to-day, in order that the measure may be advanced a stage.

Mr. GRAYDON: There is perhaps a special advantage in that procedure which might be mentioned. We can then examine

the statement of the minister together with the terms of the bill, so that perhaps we ought to consent to the bill being introduced and being given first reading, in order that the debate may take place when second reading is moved another day.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Mitchell thereupon moved for leave to introduce bill No. 243, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.

Motion agreed to, and bill read the first time.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Thursday, July 4, 1946

The house met at three o'clock.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. HUGHES CLEAVER (Halton) moved that the fourth report of the standing committee on banking and commerce, presented on Wednesday, July 3, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

MERCHANT MARINE—PARK STEAMSHIPS— WAR RISK BONUS

Mr. HOMUTH:

1. What was the rate of war risk bonus paid to seamen on Park Steamships operations?
2. Who authorized this payment?
3. From what fund was it paid?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. Seamen, on Park Steamships operations were paid the following war risk bonus: (a) Adult male crew members, \$44.50 per month; (b) Boy crew members, \$22.25 per month.
2. The National War Labour Board by its finding and direction No. N.1002 dated June 7, 1943, authorized the payment of this war risk bonus with effect from May 5, 1943.
3. The war risk bonus was paid out of Park Steamships company earnings and not from any special fund established for the purpose.