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at the question of establishing a helicopter industry in the Province of Manitoba. Will the Minister advise whether this is being taken seriously at this time and whether Manitoba will be a front runner for any industry such as a helicopter industry that may be developed in Canada in the very near future?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, over a year ago our officials did a study and discovered that Canada is the second largest user of commercial helicopters in the world. Consequently we have been very active in trying to encourage various helicopter companies from around the world to have a manufacturing plant in this country. Several weeks ago I sent a letter to, if I recall, seven manufacturers around the world, giving them a date for a proposal with respect to building a facility in Canada. There have already been a couple of applications by different companies to have a helicopter facility located in more than one province. Finally, Madam Speaker, yes, we do take this project seriously and we hope that we will be able to finalize a very important manufacturing industry some place in Canada during the coming year.

RATIO OF AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN MANITOBA

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, I remind the Minister that Manitoba has traditionally had 8 to 9 per cent of the aerospace industry in terms of production in Canada. That percentage has dropped to approximately 2 to 2.5 per cent at the present time because of the shift to central Canada. In view of what the Minister has just stated, I ask him to keep this in mind. Also, does he anticipate further meetings with Government representatives of the Manitoba Department of Trade and Commerce?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, if I am not mistaken, at least six Provinces have made representations to the Government of Canada to have that potential facility located in them. By and large that decision will be taken by whichever company if one, or maybe more than one, decides to locate in Canada, and not by the Government of Canada.

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TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid on the Table the reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by the Hon. Members on Wednesday, January 19, 1983, and finds that they meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

[*English*]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Government House Leader. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed today under the appropriate Standing Order with the time allocation motion given notice of yesterday?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is extremely well informed.

[*English*]

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, is the House Leader aware that there is a growing and mounting opposition to the moves that the Government is proposing, not only in the House of Commons but outside from many, many sectors of the economy? Is the Government House Leader prepared to consider holding off the closing off of debate on Bill C-133 in order to allow the legitimate opposition that is growing to be heard?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, Bill C-133 which my hon. colleague is referring was discussed as part of the debate on the June 28 budget. It was considered at the second reading stage and received the approval in principle of this House. The bill was then referred to a Standing Committee of the House, where after clause-by-clause consideration, it was approved and reported back to the House. We are now at the report stage, on which already more than two days have been spent. That is an extraordinarily long time, considering the circumstances I just mentioned. Pursuant to the provisions governing procedure in the House, I suggested that the Hon. Member negotiate with the Government on a reasonable time frame for completing debate on this legislation. Since his party turned down my proposal, today, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Gray) has no alternative but to move a motion to limit debate to two additional days, which is again quite considerable, in view of all the other obligations Parliament must meet at this time.

[*English*]

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, I hope that the Conservative Party is as concerned about this as I am. In light of the Minister's statement, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House do now adjourn.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. All those in favour of the motion will please say ye.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Madam Speaker: All those opposed to the motion please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Madam Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.