

minister of national health and welfare. I do not ask more than that.

This man's case was taken to the appeal board, which, itself, is composed of three other civil servants who are themselves in the same difficult position he was in. The appeal unfortunately was dismissed, and that was the end of it. There are, however, some tag ends.

The Secretary of State has been asked on several occasions in the house if she would not reconsider this man's pension rights. As I understand it, she has said that she had never been asked. However, she has been asked on a couple of occasions, and tonight I am asking again that something be done to reconsider this whole question. I ask that this man not be made a martyr because of the things he had the nerve to do—because he had the nerve to stand up and do what very, very few other people in public service will do, which is to put his job on the line, state his case and take his discharge.

● (9:50 p.m.)

Motion (Mr. Sharp) agreed to, and the house went into committee, Mr. Batten in the Chair.

The estimates of the following departments were first taken up and entered for consideration:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

1. General administration, including grants as detailed in the estimates; the expenses of the International Labour Conferences and the promotion of labour-management co-operation, \$4,569,100.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

1. Departmental administration, \$1,121,200.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

1. General administration, operation and maintenance including authority, notwithstanding the Financial Administration Act, to spend revenue received during the year from firms and individuals requiring special services, \$49,278,000.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

1. Postal services including Canada's share of the upkeep of the International Bureaux at Berne and Montevideo, \$252,804,000.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

1. Departmental administration, including grants as detailed in the estimates, \$6,795,400.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

1. Departmental administration, \$6,732,100.

Proceedings reported.

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion VETERANS AFFAIRS—MOTION TO REFER ESTIMATES TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works) moved:

That saving always the powers of the Committee of Supply in relation to the voting of public moneys the items listed in the main estimates for 1966-67 relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs entered for consideration be withdrawn from the Committee of Supply and referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McIlraith: Tomorrow the business before the house will, first, be consideration of the motion by way of objection to redistribution proposals relating to the province of Manitoba.

If this is completed before the end of the day we shall proceed to call the following legislation: first, item 54 on today's order paper, the second reading of Bill C-169, an act to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code. Then we would take the second reading of Bill C-150, an act to amend the Research Council Act. That is item 4 on today's order paper. Next we would proceed to consider item 5 on today's order paper, second reading of Bill C-151, an act to provide for the establishment of a fund for the economic and social development of special rural development areas.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MAINLAND CHINA— POSSIBILITY OF RECOGNITION

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): As a member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs I had an opportunity with my colleagues to attend the opening of the 24th meeting of the Council of the World Veterans Federation held at the Royal York hotel in Toronto on May 1. During that time we were able to meet some of the delegates who were attending from some 49 countries. I wish we had had more time in which to do that and to listen to the various points of view.

Talking with these men and listening to the opening ceremonies, I and others were interested to see people whom I would consider to