

Labour Conditions

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I was just coming to the point. I quoted the minister, who said:

All I can say is that this strike is having a very serious effect upon the delivery of grain—

In view of the statements of Mr. McNamara to the agriculture committee, which I quoted, I think my question was intellectually accurate and proper. The minister must realize that the strike had a serious effect on contracts, and I submit that my question to him as to whether the Minister of Trade and Commerce had considered previous contracts when negotiating new contracts so there might be a clause included by agreement in respect of delays, was a proper one. I now ask the minister to withdraw his remarks.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think the hon. member has a right, on the basis of what he has said, to ask the minister to withdraw his remarks. The hon. member rose on a question of privilege and explained his position, as he has a right to do, but I do not think he has made out a prima facie case of privilege.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Ninth report of standing committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts—Mr. Basford.

Third and fourth reports of standing committee on industry, research and energy development—Mr. Cashin.

[*Note: Text of the foregoing reports appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**PROVISION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FINDINGS OF INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER**

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-215, respecting certain conditions of employment of dock workers at the ports of Montreal, Trois-Rivières and Quebec.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, I am sure the members of this house share the general satisfaction over the settlement of the strike of longshoremen at the three St. Lawrence river ports referred to in the motion. At the time I announced the settlement of this dispute in the house, on June 14, I stated that the settlement would not have been possible without an assurance from the Minister of

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Labour or the government that an industrial inquiry commission would be set up to inquire into working conditions at the three ports. On Thursday last I announced that such a commission had been established, and I tabled a copy of the formal appointment.

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The mediator, Judge Lippé, in his report recommended that such a commission should be established. He also recommended in that report that the conclusions of this commission should be implemented by legislative enactment at the earliest possible date. The terms of appointment of the commissioner cover working conditions or what might be referred to as suggested formulae for possible increases in productivity in return for the increases agreed upon between the employers and employees. The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the conclusions of this commission should be implemented, as recommended by the mediator.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the resolution adopted on June 9, I move for leave to introduce Bill No. C-216, to amend the Income Tax Act and to repeal the Canadian Vessel Construction Assistance Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION**REFERENCE OF ESTIMATES TO NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE**

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not paying attention and allowed motions to pass. I would ask the unanimous consent of the house to revert to motions.

Mr. Speaker: Has the minister leave to revert to motions?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Drury moved:

That, saving always the powers of the committee of supply in relation to the voting of public moneys, the items listed in the supplementary estimates (A) for 1966-67, relating to the Emergency Measures Organization be withdrawn from the committee of supply and referred to the standing committee on national defence.

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