

● (1502)

Mr. Wise: Mr. Speaker, do I take it from the minister's remarks that he is actually saying there will be no compensation forthcoming from the federal government with reference to storm damage? Is that what the minister is saying?

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, I am saying that I received the request from the minister of agriculture for the province of Ontario, I believe yesterday. All he is asking us to do is participate in the interest cost of loans which he is proposing to administer to farmers in hard-hit areas. We are considering that matter at the present time.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

REQUEST WAR DISABILITY PENSION BE RAISED TO LEVEL OF 1973 FORMULA

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In view of the fact that the percentage increase in the CPI, of 8.7 per cent, has surpassed already the percentage indexing allowed to war disability pensioners in January of the past year, and that the recommendations of the standing committee in 1973 were to equate the basic rate of pension with the standard of living, I wonder if the minister is going to do that now by introducing legislation to amend the war disability pensions act to allow for that equation of the veterans with the five lowest categories in the public service.

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am quite conscious of the question. When a review has taken place, the information will be conveyed to the House.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

Second report of Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier)

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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Order Paper Questions

[English]

ENERGY

TABLING OF REPORT ON FUNDY TIDAL POWER

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table two copies, in both official languages, of a report entitled: "Reassessment of Fundy Tidal Power". It was prepared by the Bay of Fundy Tidal Power Review Board and was submitted to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner), to the Premier of Nova Scotia and to the Premier of New Brunswick.

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[Translation]

CANADA LABOUR CODE

MEASURE REGARDING OPERATION OF VEHICLES IN INTERPROVINCIAL JURISDICTION

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Laurier) moved for leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (motor vehicle undertakings)".

Some hon. Members: Explain!

Mr. Leblanc (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide that, when the owner of a motor vehicle transport company operates both provincially and interprovincially, part III of the Canada Labour Code applies only to those employees involved in the operation of vehicles used for interprovincial transportation.

At present, this right is unfair for companies and employees involved solely in provincial transportation. They must compete with companies which operate interprovincially and which are not subject to provincial legislation when they operate within the same province as local companies.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 729, 777, 902, 957, 961, 1,096, 1,138, 1,141, 1,164, 1,202, 1,221, 1,261, 1,300 and 1,328.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.