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some time ago, arranges for the appointment of an administrator to carry on the business of the company. There is a further requirement that every employee who was then on strike should return to the duties of his employment, that there would be no discrimination against him and the like. There is also a provision for wages, which we understood at that time had been a matter of agreement amongst the parties, although it is true they hinged upon certain other factors. I left this clause out because I thought the Minister of Transport and other hon. members on the government side of the house would have a sufficient knowledge of such legislation to know that these provisions would automatically be included in such a bill.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I must say, sir, that I would still be very grateful to the hon. gentleman if he would read every clause, without commenting on each, except for clause 7 which he has already read, so that we will all be acquainted with what was in the proposed bill.

**Mr. Howard:** If the minister had had sufficient interest, as did the parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister, to make inquiries about these provisions at the time I gave notice on the order paper, he would have been acquainted with the bill. If the minister's colleagues or hon. members on his side of the house had not refused our request for unanimous consent to introduce the bill, it would have been introduced and made public. It is only upon the request of the minister that I brought it forward today.

**Mr. Marchand:** Perhaps I should not ask a general question of this nature, but will the hon. gentleman tell me whether according to his bill the workers would have had to return to work?

● (8:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Howard:** Well, if the minister had been listening he would know I said they would, under an administrator, to carry on the business of loading and unloading the ships.

**Mr. Marchand:** In other words, you would have denied the right of the workers to strike?

**Mr. Douglas:** That is as logical as the speech the minister made this afternoon.

**Mr. Macaluso:** You would not know what logic was.

**Mr. Howard:** As I said earlier to the minister in these remarks, I appreciate his ability [Mr. Howard.]

to distort the facts and misinterpret statements. However, no matter how hard you try, you are not going to do it.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I wonder if I might request the hon. gentleman, very humbly, just to read his bill, for the benefit of those of us who did not think we had a right to have it before the house was in possession of it?

**Mr. Howard:** You had the right to have it, if you had not objected.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I did not object.

**Mr. Howard:** Not you, personally, I know; you would not dare do anything like that. It would run against your grain to settle a matter of this sort. I still have the stencils for mimeographing this bill in my office and I will gladly run off a few thousand copies for the minister tomorrow if he wants them. If I were to read the bill clause by clause, I would take far too long. I believe I have covered the salient points.

What we have before us in this bill—

**Mr. Nicholson:** May I ask the hon. gentleman a question? While I have not seen a copy of the bill, I have read the press release, and I should like to ask if the bill presented by the hon. member was not predicated on the fact that a firm offer had been made by the Shipping Federation? Is there any evidence to support the idea there was an unconditional offer made by the Shipping Federation?

**Mr. Howard:** The bill was predicated upon a desire to get that aspect of our economy moving again and, hopefully of stirring the hon. gentleman off his seat in order to get cracking on that particular dispute.

**Mr. Nicholson:** I wonder if the hon. gentleman would mind answering my question?

**Mr. Howard:** You are just too impatient, that is all. This indicates a weak position on your part, since you are trying to push something through the house which you cannot fully substantiate. Part of the bill related to wage increases—

**Mr. Nicholson:** Would the hon. gentleman—

**Mr. Howard:** Just watch that impatience; you will never get any further in the cabinet that way, because the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) is watching you. He does not like this impatience. He likes to take things slow and easy, mostly so that he can change his mind later at any convenient time.