

goods and services; and the inventories of raw materials, parts and finished goods that industry keeps on hand to meet future demand.

That is the situation. We are staring at 11 per cent inflation, with less than 1 per cent growth in production. We will now have to contend with record post-war unemployment this year. Manufacturing is off, and is expected to remain so or get worse during most of 1980. We are going to face unemployment of 8.5 per cent, with an increase of approximately 135,000 more unemployed than we had last year.

It has been estimated by the Purchasing Management Association of Canada, which monitors manufacturing industry hiring each month, that its members began laying off employees in November for the first time in at least a year. The association noted that new orders were falling off sharply and that production declines were noted by 31 per cent of the companies surveyed, or roughly twice the percentage of those who reported increases. The association stated this was another turnaround from early 1979 experience. It also noted that industrial production in Canada, which moved ahead smartly during the third quarter of 1979 after declining over the previous three months, was back on the downgrade as of last November.

Mr. Pinard: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am very sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but there have been some consultations with my colleagues, the leaders of the opposition parties in the House, and I would ask for unanimous consent to revert to motions.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

CONCURRENCE IN MAIN AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would ask for unanimous consent to withdraw motion No. 2 under government business, to be replaced by the following motion that I shall read.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Pinard: I must say, sir, that after consultation there seems to be unanimous consent that this motion be put now and agreed on. If I may do so, I would move, seconded by the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Blais):

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order, the Supplementary Estimates (A), 1980-1981, shall be reported or be deemed to have been reported from the several standing committees no later than May 9, 1980;

Business of Supply

That when the House reaches government orders on May 13, 1980, the Speaker shall put, forthwith and successively, without amendment or debate, every question that may be necessary to dispose of any motion relating to interim supply, the said supplementary estimates, the restoration or reinstatement of any opposed item in the said supplementary estimates and, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 72, for the passage at the first and second reading stages of the bill based thereon and all of the time provided for the consideration of government orders on May 14 and May 15, 1980, shall be allotted to the consideration of the committee of the whole stage of the bill and that all questions necessary to dispose of all remaining stages of the said bill shall be put and decided without debate or amendment no later than fifteen minutes before the ordinary time of daily adjournment on May 15, 1980; and

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That, for the year 1980, Standing Order 58 shall be amended as follows:

- (i) by replacing in section (5) thereof the word "five" with the word "eighteen" and by deleting the words "Thirteen additional days shall be allotted to the business of supply in the period ending not later than June 30";
- (ii) by replacing in section (9) thereof the word "two" with the word "four";
- (iii) by replacing in section (14) thereof the words "March 1 of the then expiring fiscal year" with the words "April 30"; and
- (iv) by replacing in section (14) thereof the words "May 31 in the then current fiscal year" with the words "November 10".

provided:

- (i) that at least ten of the days allotted for the consideration of the business of supply shall be after September 1 and that, no later than fifteen minutes before the ordinary time of adjournment on the seventh last day so provided, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and shall put all questions necessary to dispose of any business pursuant to a motion or motions of which notice has been given pursuant to section (4) of Standing Order 58 and the first and second readings of any bill based on any such motion without further debate or amendment; and
- (ii) that the remaining six allotted days shall be divided into three periods of two days each and that not less than twenty-four hours before the first day in each such period, members in opposition to the government shall give notice of the name of a department or agency the estimates of which are to be considered in Committee of the Whole on the aforementioned bill during the two day period; and
- (iii) that on the second day of each such period the hours of sitting shall be from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m., there shall be no private members' business, the evening interruption shall not take place and proceedings pursuant to Standing Order 40 shall be suspended; and
- (iv) that at the specified time of adjournment on the last allotted day the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the aforementioned bill at all remaining stages without further debate or amendment in the same manner *mutatis mutandi* as provided in section (10) of Standing Order 58.

This is the new motion which has been put with unanimous consent and agreed to by all parties.

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) the government House leader is quite right. There have been some discussions with respect to how we might do two things: satisfy the necessary problems which the President of the Privy Council faces with respect to estimates on the one hand and, on the other hand, to satisfy what we believe are the legitimate rights of the opposition, to deal with certain ministers in terms of the operations of their departments as revealed in the estimates, on the floor of the House of Commons, rather than in committees, as was mentioned by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie).

I believe, as it has been described, that this motion provides a road map by which we might accomplish those two things.