

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 1, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### AIR TRANSPORT

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF ALLEGED POLITICAL INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT OF AIR SAFETY REGULATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of quoted statements from a report prepared by two investigators for the Department of Transport alleging that enforcement of air regulations is at times subject to political pressure and also, in light of the fact that the Director of the Aeronautical Licensing and Inspection Branch of Transport Canada has made reference to the possibility of embarrassment to the minister and other political implications as a result of enforcing air regulations, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That this House urge the Minister of Transport to refer this matter of political interference and its impact on air safety in Canada to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications and furthermore, that William Slaughter, Andrew Carswell and R. L. Bolduc be allowed to testify and elaborate on their statements.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion can be presented for discussion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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### TRANSPORT

REQUEST MINISTER MEET WITH NATIONAL FARMERS UNION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bert Cadieu (Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing importance. Can the Minister of Transport explain to the House why he failed to invite the National Farmers Union and other interested parties to the meeting held yesterday in Saskatoon? These groups are very much concerned with the development of the Port of Churchill and the rail authority because of abandonment of certain rail lines, and should not have been

excluded. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie):

That the minister arrange to meet with these groups of concerned people.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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### GRAIN

WHEAT—REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN DOMESTIC PRICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. It is several months since the government promised an increase in the price of domestic wheat, an increase which has become crucial because of rising production costs. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instruct the government to move immediately to raise the floor price of wheat sold for domestic consumption to \$4 per bushel from the existing \$3.25 per bushel.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion can be presented pursuant to Standing Order 43 only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ON FRAUD SQUAD—REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing necessity pertaining to a statement made outside the House to an Ottawa newspaper by the Minister of Employment and Immigration, with reference to a question asked in the House by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie) on the subject of the so-called Unemployment Insurance Commission internal fraud squad, namely, that it had not been disbanded but “merely reorganized and it is ever vigilant”. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the minister explain to the House, in view of this statement on Tuesday, why he answered question number 2765 in my name on the order paper on August 4, 1977, by categorically denying that the Unemployment Insurance Commission has a fraud squad and that he also advise whether Mr. Hi Pong No,