

AGRICULTURE

STAGNATION IN AGRICULTURE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion under Standing Order 43.

I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a question of an urgent nature. Considering the thousands of agricultural auction sales held every week in Canada, especially in Quebec, which means that Canada will soon become an importer of foodstuffs, while up to now it had been an agricultural producing country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That an order of the House be issued instructing the Committee on Agriculture to consider the matter of farm foodstuff supply, which is urgent for the economy of Canada and the Canadian people.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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[English]

POLLUTION

NOISE FROM OVERFLIGHTS OF SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion of pressing and urgent necessity under Standing Order 43 seconded by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin). At the Stockholm Environmental Conference, Canada's Minister of the Environment (Mr. Davis) said Canada is prepared to permit the occasional overflight of the Anglo-French supersonic aircraft for testing purposes.

Mr. Speaker, this House has had the assurance of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson)—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member will put the motion, we have to inquire whether there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

Mr. Skoberg: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member rises on a question of privilege.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, a member usually has an opportunity to at least get into the motion itself. All I was doing was giving the reasons for the motion and I was right at the point of putting the motion.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows that the precedents related to Standing Order 43 are clear. Hon. mem-

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bers should not attempt and are not allowed to argue the motion which they propose. I would think that Standing Order 43 gives rise to enough difficulties at the present time. It will be recognized that on a number of occasions in the past I have indicated why I thought there was something wrong with the practice in which we had become involved. I am afraid that what is happening today indicates that the Chair was correct in its assessment of the situation.

The hon. member for Lotbinière.

Mr. Skoberg: A further question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. It has always been my understanding that I had to lay the groundwork for the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should resume his seat. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Lotbinière.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

EFFECTS OF IMPORTATION OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND SHOES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): In view of the extremely difficult situation facing the footwear and textile industries in Canada which are unable to compete with massive imports, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau):

That the problem of textile and footwear imports and their impact on our national industry, be referred forthwith to the standing committee of finance, trade and economic affairs, in order that efficient means could be devised to restore the competitive position of these Canadian industries and save the jobs they already provide to Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Lotbinière. It is moved under the terms of Standing Order 43 and requires the unanimous consent of the House.

[English]

Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put.

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[Translation]

DRUGS

MEASURES TO COMBAT EFFECTS OF NON-MEDICAL USE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43.

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, in view of the great use made today of Standing Order 43, I would like to move a motion under that standing order on a pressing and urgent matter.