

National Parks

Considering that the Quebec Minister of Social Affairs has offered the federal government to distribute family allowance cheques before December 5 through its distribution system so that low income families and people on welfare, who are waiting for these cheques, may be able to buy food and other essentials, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner):

That family allowances cheques be distributed within the next three days, either by letter carriers, if they want to, or as suggested by the Quebec government.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43, the motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

NATIONAL PARKS

SUGGESTED DELAY IN EXPANSION OF ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS PARK PENDING MEETING WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to my constituency concerning the government's proposed \$30 million expansion of the St. Lawrence Islands National Park, and particularly arising out of the inconclusive and unsatisfactory meeting held last Thursday between about 500 of my constituents and officials of Parks Canada in what could rapidly become, if not speedily dealt with, another Pickering fiasco. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development accept the invitation that has been extended to him to personally attend with any necessary department officials a public meeting to be open to hundreds of property owners in Leeds who feel that their homes and businesses are threatened by the government's present plans for enlarging the St. Lawrence Islands National Park, that the government be prepared to answer clearly and forthrightly all questions proposed at such a meeting and finally that the people of the area be permitted the democratic right of expressing their views and obtaining answers on this matter before the government proceeds any further whatsoever with its plans.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Lavoie.]

AIR CANADA

SUGGESTED AID TO FIVE EMPLOYEES IN DEALING WITH CRIMINAL CHARGES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity relating to Air Canada and the position of some of its employees here and in the United States. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Transport look into the situation with regard to the five Air Canada employees in New York City who state that the management of the company has not given them any moral or financial support in their successful efforts to acquit themselves of serious criminal charges of gold theft laid in an apparently hasty way while the employees were at work and that the minister look into and review as well the job security status of those Air Canada employees whose long tenure of service may be jeopardized unfairly by any staff re-alignment policies of the company, if they are not implemented with great care, and report to this House or the standing committee on an appropriate occasion.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the motion cannot be put without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

POST OFFICE

STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Last Friday it was indicated on behalf of the government that if the postal union were to accept the fact that the monetary offer by the government was all that was going to be offered, then serious and successful negotiations could take place. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government has been advised that the union accepts the fact that the total monetary package offered by the government in connection with the postal strike cannot go beyond the government's final offer, although there might be some readjustment of the offer, and, if so, are serious negotiations about to resume today?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I would have to ask the Postmaster General to answer that question. To my knowledge the union has been advised. It has been stated publicly by the Postmaster General and by myself, and that should be advice enough. But I am sure the Postmaster General has made that advice clear in his private discussions, too.

Mr. Stanfield: I recognize that the information has no doubt been given to the union. My question relates to