

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Woolliams: What a best man—Denis.

Mr. Bell: Poor Rivard.

[Translation]

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific matter—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but we are on motions and only those moved under Standing Order 43 may now be heard. If I understand the hon. member correctly, he wants to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 26 and I shall recognize him when we reach that stage in the business of the House.

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[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE BETWEEN TREASURY BOARD AND ELECTRICAL WORKERS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I request the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion arising from a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It concerns the impasse in the contract negotiations between the Treasury Board and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which is seriously affecting the public interest by disrupting air transport and which has also been a factor leading to the loss of six lives when the trawler *Gulf Gull* ran ashore off Cape Breton Island because navigational aid was off the air at the time of the accident.

With the consent of the House I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That this House urges the government to instruct the Treasury Board forthwith to negotiate in good faith with the Brotherhood with a view to the settlement of any matters in dispute, and this House further urges that if the Treasury Board and the Brotherhood fail to conclude a settlement and to enter into a new collective agreement within three days after such instruction is given, the government take measures to establish procedures for effecting a settlement.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent with respect to the motion proposed by the hon. member for Hamilton West?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Delay in Unemployment Insurance Payments

Mr. Speaker: There does not appear to be unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

DELAY IN PAYMENT OF BENEFITS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask leave to move a motion concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity in connection with the payment of unemployment insurance benefits. I present this motion bearing in mind the thousands of problems being encountered across the nation and the severe hardship being imposed on those who are entitled to unemployment insurance benefits and who are unable to receive them, a situation which leads to humiliating experiences for claimants. I would add that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration himself said he would welcome any suggestions—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to remind the hon. member and other hon. members that they should not attempt to argue the case or present substantive arguments in support of a motion under Standing Order 43. If the hon. member has a motion to put forward he should put it now.

Mr. Skoberg: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration be instructed to make an immediate inquiry into the operations of the Unemployment Insurance Commission to determine the causes of the delays experienced all over Canada in the receipt of unemployment insurance benefits and to recommend steps to put the administration of unemployment insurance on a proper and efficient basis.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion put forward by the hon. member for Moose Jaw. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

STEPS TO EXPEDITE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): I am not sure what I should do, Mr. Speaker. I had intended to move a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 on the same topic. It is of a constructive nature and I am sure all hon. members would want to consider it. Without further preamble I should like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this House urges the government to revise its administrative procedures for computer rejects; that a manual pay procedure be established for rejects and overdue claims; that local offices be reopened and temporary offices be established to facilitate the prompt payment of overdue claims and for the general benefit of those insured under the program, and, finally, that the government decentralize its pay processing procedures.