

Veterans Pensions

Canadian dollar plunging to 90.4 cents U.S. this morning, and this in spite of the massive \$500 million intervention by the Bank of Canada so far this month, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That there be an immediate reference to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs so that that committee may hear evidence as to why there should be such deterioration in world confidence with respect to our dollar, as to the adequacy of our U.S. dollar reserves which have fallen 40 per cent this year, and what measures it is necessary to take to restore domestic and world confidence in our currency.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GRAIN

PROPOSAL TO AID PRODUCERS AS RESULT OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, to move, provided it is accepted, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the government give immediate consideration, in view of the disastrous rainfall in recent weeks having resulted in the loss of many millions of dollars to prairie farmers whose grain is still in the fields, to making available drying equipment by transporting it to needed areas, freight free; as propane gas is necessary for grain drying equipment, and very costly, that the price be frozen until the new year against further increases; and as farmers whose wheat is unharvested are generally short of funds to carry on their needed autumn operation, that cash advances be provided for, based on the estimated amount of grain remaining in the fields to be harvested.

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Mr. Speaker: The provisions of Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF PENSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, because November 11 is only three and a half weeks away, and because it is urgent that we do more for our veterans than just pay tribute to them with words, I move under Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

[Mr. Stevens.]

That this House urges the government, between now and Remembrance Day, to bring in legislation to restore the basic amount of the war disability pension to the average level of the five designated categories of public servants, to provide pro-rata pension for the widows of veterans in those cases where the veteran's pension was less than 48 per cent and to provide prisoner of war pensions for the 200 surviving Canadian veterans who were prisoners of war during World War I.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: During the routine proceedings which will follow the oral question period, at the time of tabling of the fifth report of the special committee on implementation of the television resolution, I will seek the indulgence of the House to make a few explanatory remarks about the progress of that particular project and some of the new installations which are here. I will do that after three o'clock.

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VACANCIES

Mr. Speaker: At the moment I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, Gordon Fairweather, Esq., the member for the electoral district of Fundy-Royal, by resignation. Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

I have the honour also to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, John Reynolds, Esq., the member for the electoral district of Burnaby-Richmond-Delta, by resignation. Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new writ of election for that electoral district.

I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, Sean O'Sullivan, Esq., the member for the electoral district of Hamilton-Wentworth, by resignation. Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new writ of election for that electoral district.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-41, an Act to provide a maritime code for Canada and to amend the Canada