

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 13, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF SPEAKER OF QUEBEC
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HON. JEAN-NOËL LAVOIE

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I know hon. members will want to join me in calling the attention of the House to the presence in our gallery this afternoon of a very distinguished visitor, l'honorable président de l'Assemblée nationale du Québec, l'honorable Jean-Noël Lavoie.

● (1410)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

First report of Standing Committee on Regional Economic Expansion, in both official languages—Mr. Pelletier (Sherbrooke).

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

Second report of Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration—Mr. Olivier.

[Editor's Note: For texts of above reports, see today's Votes

and Proceedings.]

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[English]

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ORDER PAPER QUESTIONS—OBJECTION TO THEIR BEING
MADE ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. For a number of years I have placed on the order paper a set of questions having to do with pensions in a number of fields. Because of the general interest in these questions I have designed them so that their answers would appear on the order paper. But every year or so some of these questions are made an order for return, even though the answer is from one department and is not very long. I protest the fact that this was done yesterday with respect to question 1,550 which was made an order for return as noted in *Hansard* at pages 4028

and 4029. I realize that the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid) is not able to be here today, but I hope a note of my objection will be made for his successor so that this will not happen again.

Mr. Baldwin: He is going to be there forever.

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SPORTS

PRACTICE OF CAHA IN RESPECT OF CHILDREN SIGNING
AMATEUR HOCKEY CONTRACTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. This will probably be my last Standing Order 43 motion. As the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association is forcing children to sign forms which are, in effect, contracts which prevent them from playing amateur hockey with the team of their choice, as there is an increasing number of cases coming before the courts for settlement of similar disputes, and as this situation is not consistent with the philosophy either of amateur sports or with the right of young people to participate in games in this country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare be instructed by this House to intervene in the CAHA and ensure that the CAHA will discontinue immediately the practice of signing children to contracts in amateur hockey which in any way restrict the right of the players to choose the team they will play with.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion is presented pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be debated without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. MALONE—RIGHT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO SPEAK FOR
THEIR REGIONS

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege which relates to the fact that after the July 8 election in which the province of Alberta returned only Progressive Conservative members, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) took it upon himself to appoint a Senator from the other place to be a spokesman for the province of Alberta. I contend that the right to be represented in this House is one which flows directly from one's voting privileges. It is the people who have the right