

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, July 15, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD

PROPOSED REFERENCE OF REPORT ON CONSUMPTION OF BREAD AND MILK TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, in view of the findings of the Food Prices Review Board that "substantial bread and milk price increases during the last two years appear to have caused considerable hardship for many Canadians, especially those with fixed and limited incomes", I would ask leave of the House to move, under Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre:

That the report of the Food Prices Review Board on the consumption of bread and fluid milk in Canada released this day be referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: The provisions of Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House before this motion can be presented. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—REQUEST FOR RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF BUTTER AND CHEESE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that over the past 10 years butter and cheese imports have increased from 14,011 and 176,519 to 537,658 and 487,624 hundredweight respectively, while butter and cheese exports have gone down from 1,607 and 320,552 to 90 and 83,061 hundredweight respectively, a situation which may still add to the problems of dairy producers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. C.-A. Gauthier):

That the House immediately order the government to bring butter and cheese imports down to an acceptable level so as to encourage Canadian producers and thus bolster part of our economy.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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[English]

FINANCE

ALLEGED INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT TO TREAT GASOLINE TAX REBATE AS TAXABLE INCOME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of reports that refunds of the 10-cent a gallon excise tax on gasoline used for business by persons and corporations will be treated as taxable income under a change in the Income Tax Act, and in view of the fact that the House is presently considering Bill C-66, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act, and any proposal by the government to deem refunds of the 10-cent a gallon excise tax on gasoline to be taxable income is directly related to the advisability of the implementation of this tax, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Simcoe:

That this House direct the Minister of Finance to make a statement on motions immediately with respect to the intention of the government to treat refunds of the 10-cents a gallon excise tax on gasoline used for business by persons or corporations, as taxable income.

Mr. Speaker: With all due respect to the hon. member, I fail to see how I can ask the House for consent to debate amendments to the Excise Tax Act, with or without unanimous consent, since it is the intention to debate the very same thing later today.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

PROPOSED STUDY OF PROBLEMS IN PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to raise a very urgent and important issue.

In view of the recent statement made by the President of the Price Company, Mr. C. R. Tittmore, that his firm was contemplating more temporary closures of pulp and