Alcoholic Products Labelling

Order 43, such motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

• (1410)

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

PROPOSED EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION OF MINISTER'S EFFORTS IN SETTLING DISPUTE WITH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ross Milne (Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, to seek the unanimous consent of this House to move a motion. Given today's announcement of an agreement resolving the work disruption in Canada's commercial aviation sector, and given the attendant prospect of a full and complete investigation into the relationship between safety and bilingual air traffic control, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme):

'That this House do express its appreciation to the Minister of Transport for his efforts in securing a resolution of the current air traffic situation in Canada by involving the major parties in the aviation industry and commend his commitment that the maintenance of Canada's high aviation safety standards will be the key consideration of the study.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Worthy though that objective may be, it is not the proper subject for a motion under Standing Order 43.

Mr. Nowlan: Make sure you mail a copy of the motion to Pierre.

HEALTH

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF STUDIES ON WHICH WARNING LABELS ON ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS BASED—MOTION ORDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the stated intention of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) to compel distilleries to label alcoholic products as dangerous to health, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan):

That the minister table all studies and other information which show the basis for this move by the minister.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Oral questions.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order concerning the procedure which we will follow in the question period. The matter pertains directly to the difficulty of asking questions in the House following news reports that there has been a settlement of the air dispute. My point of order concerns the procedure which is to be followed by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) with regard to this important issue.

The understanding I have from his office is that he does not intend to make a statement in the House today but, rather, intends simply to table the order in council establishing the terms of reference which have been agreed upon by all parties, I take it, and which are to be followed by the commission.

My point of order is this: if the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark), I and other members of the House are to ask questions on this important dispute, if our questions are to make sense, we have a right to know the terms agreed on by the minister. But if the minister intends to follow the procedure his office has indicated, he will not be making a statement; he will simply table the document later in today's proceedings. In that case, the opposition parties will not be able to ask questions on this important issue.

I doubt if Your Honour will consider that I have raised a prima facie point of order. Really, I am trying to appeal through Your Honour to the Minister of Transport to please not foul up this procedure, to change his mind and tell the House that he intends after the question period to make a statement on this important question, so that members of the opposition will be able to ask sensible questions following that statement.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

ORAL OUESTION PERIOD

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' DISPUTE AND THAT ALL PARTIES ACCEPT IT

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, following the point of order raised by the leader of the NDP, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport? The first part of my question is simple: is the minister going to make a statement on motions, so that we will all understand clearly the exact conditions of the settlement? Second, can he assure the House and country that all parties, direct and indirect, have accepted the settlement?