

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 25, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### AGRICULTURE

CHICKEN IMPORT QUOTAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Essex-Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to put a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the dislocation to agricultural production that will result from the declarations made by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of State for Economic Development (Mr. de Cotret), and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) on Friday, October 19, establishing import quotas for chicken without proper consultation with the provincial governments, the Canadian Chicken Marketing Agency, or the provincial chicken marketing boards, and based on a non-representative period of importation, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Laval (Mr. Roy):

That the House instruct the government to properly consult the provincial governments, the Canadian Chicken Marketing Agency and the provincial chicken marketing boards, and then, at the ministerial level, to renegotiate the chicken import quotas with the United States in order to obtain an import quota of 1 per cent of Canadian production, as recommended by the Canadian Chicken Marketing Agency and based on the GATT principle of a previously representative period from 1969 to 1973, and that if the U.S. does not agree to the revision, the matter be placed before GATT arbitration in Geneva.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion could be debated at this time only with unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### AIR TRANSPORT

CLOSURE OF WEATHER STATION—DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON AIR SAFETY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to introduce a motion on an urgent and pressing matter, namely, the decision of the Department of Supply and Services to terminate the contract

for the weather observation and recording services and closure of the weather station at Geraldton, Ontario.

The Geraldton weather station is one of the top three in Ontario and serves a large area between Thunder Bay and Kapuskasing. With the opening of a new airport at Geraldton next month, air traffic will increase significantly and the closure of this weather station presents a problem for aviation safety in the area.

Therefore, sir, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Thunder Bay-Nipigon (Mr. Andras):

That this House direct the Postmaster General and Minister of the Environment, and the Minister of Transport, to intervene personally in order to prevent closure of the Geraldton, Ontario weather station which would jeopardize air safety in the area.

**Mr. Speaker:** The introduction of such a motion for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INCREASE IN INTEREST RATES—CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43 regarding an extremely urgent and pressing matter.

As the present Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie) stated when in opposition, the Atlantic region is the hardest hit when the government increases its interest rate to record levels, causing increased unemployment, extensive bankruptcies and economic stagnation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House condemns the Minister of Finance for his betrayal of Atlantic Canada and urges his immediate resignation.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.