

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, July 16, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### SUGGESTED DEBATE ON SHARING JURISDICTION WITH THE PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering the new developments in federal-provincial relations on the matter of communications, following the worsening dispute over the sharing of powers and responsibilities, and the insistence of the provinces to seek jurisdiction over the fields of broadcasting, telecommunication corporations and particularly cablevision, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That the House now start discussions on the whole matter of communications in order to clarify the situation definitively by bringing up all data relevant to the debate, including the power and cost sharing issue, in view of paving the way for enacting legislation which will be presented to the House in the fall, and which aims at totally restructuring the whole field of communications.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the terms of Standing Order 43, the motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** As there is not unanimous consent, the motion may not be put.

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### FOOD PRICES

#### PROPOSED STUDY OF COMPENSATING DISCOUNTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

As food products such as milk and bread are basic to the dietary needs of the Canadian people, as the cost of milk and bread has increased at a staggering rate, and as low-income families have been more severely burdened by that

increase, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House take the necessary steps to study the possibilities and urgency of setting up a system of compensated discount to the consumer with a view to lowering immediately the cost of consumer products and increasing the purchasing power of the Canadian people.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, the motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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● (1410)

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### PROPOSED INCREASE IN LABOUR-INTENSIVE CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IN AREAS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Yesterday Statistics Canada released the unemployment figures for the month of June. These statistics showed that the unemployment in the province of Newfoundland stood at 17.9 per cent, which is considerably more than twice the national rate. I would move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard):

That the government of Canada step up its labour-intensive capital works projects in high unemployment areas as called for in the June 23 budget.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.