

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 17, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Recognizing the debt that freedom owes to Great Britain for her stand in two world wars and in particular during the darkest days from June 1940 to December 1941 when she and the Commonwealth stood alone for freedom, and that her sacrifices of resources and blood have contributed to her present perilous financial position, and whereas even if the International Monetary Fund does provide Great Britain with a loan of \$3.9 billion it will not be sufficient to tide her effectively over her existing financial difficulties, and because of this the United States and West Germany are now giving consideration, which is expected to be favourable, to providing loans from their respective countries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard):

That Canada should give a lead to the other member nations of the Commonwealth by making a substantial loan to Great Britain immediately and should encourage Australia and New Zealand and other Commonwealth countries to take similar action.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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OLD AGE SECURITY ACT

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE PENSIONS TO ALL PERSONS BETWEEN AGES OF 60 AND 65 WHO ARE OUT OF LABOUR MARKET—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of great urgency to many Canadians and that is why I ask hon. members to permit it to be presented

under Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House urges the government to put an end to the shameful practice of taking away the spouse's allowance from about 200 widows or widowers a month, simply because of the death of the older spouse, and that the ending of this practice be achieved by bringing in without delay an amendment to the Old Age Security Act to provide for the pension under that act to be paid to all persons between ages 60 and 65 who are out of the labour market, regardless of marital status.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can only be presented to the House if there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MISS CANADA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS FOSTER ON WINNING TITLE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of the most urgent and pressing necessity. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That this House extend its congratulations to Yvonne Foster from the city of intellect and pulchritude, Saskatoon, on the occasion of her winning the Miss Canada contest.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PROPOSAL THAT BELL CANADA AND NORTHERN TELECOM BE PLACED UNDER PUBLIC OWNERSHIP—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the chairman of Northern