

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 9, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTION MINISTER REPORT ON MEASURES TO DEAL WITH STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on an urgent matter, namely the production lost to Canada due to strikes and work stoppages.

The Prime Minister himself stated at the first ministers conference this morning that Canada has the second worst record in the world for production days lost due to work stoppages and strikes.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That the Minister of Labour be instructed to report back to the House within a week what steps his department is taking to rectify this serious situation which is crippling the economy, especially at a time when the country is plagued with rising unemployment and low economic production.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is put forward under the terms of Standing Order 43 and cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY AND CONTROL OF EXPENDITURES ON SECURITY PROGRAMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion which is self-explanatory. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo:

That this House direct the various House leaders to proceed immediately to establish procedures which will introduce an adequate form of parliamentary scrutiny and control of government expenditures on security programs conducted by Canada or to which Canada is a party in this country or abroad.

Mr. Baldwin: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The motion is presented under the terms of Standing Order 43; there must be unanimous consent before it can be put. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MULTICULTURALISM

APPEAL FOR FUNDS BY PORTUGUESE ORGANIZATION USING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ENVELOPES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I request leave to propose a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 arising from the recent circulation of a four-page appeal for funds in the Portuguese language on behalf of a presumably reputable charitable organization in envelopes of the Unemployment Insurance Commission Canada and requesting a reply in similar envelopes furnished to the recipients. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka:

That the House request the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to make a statement outlining whether the government is prepared to extend such benevolent assistance to other ethnic groups and whether this indicates a new government venture in the field of multiculturalism.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is presented under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent to its being put?

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

EFFECT OF STRIKE OF LONGSHOREMEN ON FEED GRAIN SUPPLIES—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister.

In view of the difficulties now being inflicted upon Quebec producers by the protracted strike, especially in the ports of Trois-Rivières and Quebec City, can the Acting Prime Minister tell us what measures the government intends to take to restore normal traffic in those ports so that the producers can get the feed they need for their cattle?