Thursday, November 13, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

IMMIGRATION

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF MISUSE OF MINISTERIAL PERMITS BY CHILEAN REFUGEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise to propose a motion in a case of special and urgent circumstances relating to hundreds of Chileans who were allowed into Canada under special ministerial permits and who have held, and continue to hold, meetings, illegal in terms of the permits. Because of the fact that the New Democratic Party of Quebec has organized a fund raising campaign from their headquarters in Montreal, and that certain Cuban diplomats in Toronto, one of whom has been charged with obstructing police, are all working for the movement of the revolutionary left, the armed resistance movement seeking to overthrow the present Chilean government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Hees):

That the government be instructed to undertake an investigation into the misuse of the special ministerial permits as well as the allegations that foreign sources are using Canadian soil as a platform to carry on international subversive political activities.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for that motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

MANPOWER

FAILURE OF FALCONBRIDGE NICKEL TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF INTENTION TO LAY OFF EMPLOYEES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

The Falconbridge Nickel Company of Canada did not give prior notice to either the manpower department or the Department of Labour of its intended two phase lay-off of 1,000 workers at its Sudbury basin operations, and in view of the Provisions of the Canada Labour Code, section 60, division V2 with regard to group termination, which state that if a company is laying off employees it is required to notify the manpower department and the Department of Labour in advance and the length of time is determined by the number of workers laid off: 50 workers, 4 weeks; 100 workers, 8 weeks; 300 workers, 12 weeks; 300 plus workers, 16 weeks, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House condemns the Falconbridge Nickel Company's action and calls on the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to inform Falconbridge that it ought to withdraw its lay-off notice to its employees or at least to conform to the Canada Labour Code.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO REVAMP THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Given the seriously continuing and even increasing problems facing the Canadian footwear industry, whose share of the domestic market has dropped to less than 46 per cent and whose labour force has dwindled alarmingly, since the flooding of the Canadian market by shoes from low cost-price countries in the last few years is having disastrous consequences, and since the Canadian customs tariff policy needs immediate reviewing because the whole economic situation has changed since the measures adopted by the federal government for the footwear industry in 1973, when the Canadian production was increasing, which is no longer the case, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That the House be allowed to discuss immediately the problem of the Canadian footwear industry by assessing the results of the government policy announced in December 1973 and, since it seems that the sector strategy can be efficient only provided there is a Canadian footwear market, that the House consider seriously the four point program proposed by the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada whose aim is to support that sector strategy, in particular through action in the field of duty and quotas on imports.

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.