

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, July 2, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

INCLUSION OF ALLEGED PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS WITH PAY
CHEQUES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgency concerning the very worthy campaign for funds being conducted by the University of Ottawa, headed by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin), but concerning collection activities within the public service that are serious breaches of the law and regulations. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the House requests three ministers of the Crown to give full explanations in regard to coercing public servants and the breaking of laws and regulations, namely, the President of the Treasury Board authorizing, on request of the Minister of Transport, the soliciting of 60,000 public servants at work, inclusion of propaganda pamphlets with June pay cheques, contrary to chapter 328 of Treasury Board charitable campaigns manual, the Minister of National Revenue for allowing charitable donation tax receipts involving gifts to donors, contrary to the Income Tax Act and, finally, the Minister of Supply and Services for permitting the coercive letter dated May 21, signed by his deputy minister, G. R. D'Avignon, and addressed to all employees of supply administration.

Copies of both documents I have with me.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

INCREASE IN GIS PAYMENTS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

The super minister of social development has not yet had an opportunity to draft guidelines for junior ministers and, as a result, the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) in a publicity-seeking public statement—presumably

made without clearance—said that the Ontario government intends to pocket the increase in the guaranteed annual income supplement effective July 1, 1980. Since the minister failed to produce any tangible proof of her allegations, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare table written proof of her allegations or resign.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF RAPE VICTIMS—SUPREME COURT
RULING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on Friday last that women who are victims of alleged rapes must be subjected during a *voir dire* to the trauma and the humiliation of cross-examination about their previous sexual history, and in view of the fact that rape is a crime of violence and evidence of previous sexual conduct, either with the accused or others, is totally irrelevant, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That this House call upon the Minister of Justice to take immediate steps to enact promised and long overdue amendments to Canada's archaic and sexist rape laws, including amendments to deny absolutely any right to cross-examine the rape complainant on previous sexual activities either with the accused or with other persons.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.