HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, April 8, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

SUGGESTED REORGANIZATION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANIZATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provision of Standing Order 43 to ask the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the serious loss of men and ships on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in recent years, and in view of the admission of the Minister of National Defence that on the Pacific coast Canada does not have an air-rescue capability after dark, and the statement of the Minister of Transport yesterday that "It has become evident that... the marine search and rescue organization is no longer entirely adequate", I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That the House urges the Prime Minister to order a restructuring of the search and rescue organization under a single agency responsible to one minister, and that immediate steps be taken to procure adequate facilities and equipment for air and marine search and rescue operations on a 24-hour a day basis.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be put if there is unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

AIR CANADA

REQUEST COMPANY STOP CONTRACTING OUT FINANCE WORK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under Standing Order 43 having to do with a matter that is urgent and pressing. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That this House directs the Minister of Transport to direct Air Canada to stop contracting out finance work in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa in preparation for a lockout of Air Canada employees at the finance branch in Winnipeg and that the Minister of Labour personally intervene in the three-year labour dispute.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST THAT NEW DAIRY POLICY PROVIDE FOR MILK PRICE SUPPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provision of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

Since the dairy policy for the year 1976-77 has not yet been announced, industrial milk producers are greatly worried, and it is therefore urgent that the government reassure producers concerning the income levels they may expect for the current year. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That this House recommend to cabinet to make available to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) the funds necessary to allow the Canadian Dairy Commission to maintain milk prices at a level permitting an increase in income equal to that in other sectors of the economy.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

[English]

ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

SUGGESTED TAKING OF UNDESERVED CREDIT FOR PRICE REDUCTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have this written out today. Given that the recent decline in the rate of inflation in the consumer price index has been caused by declines in the prices of imported goods and of farm prices over which the Anti-Inflation Board has no jurisdiction and that the flexibility of retail prices in reaction to these wholesale farm prices is the same now as it was before the institution of the program, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):