Telecommunication Rate Increases

Canada shows all the Vietnamese people that it does not hesitate to spend its time and energy to promote world peace.

The Canadian delegation in Viet Nam contributes to the hopes for peace which persist in this region despite a long and cruel war and that is why our delegation must remain there.

However, we believe that if the life of our delegates is threatened by a sudden increase in the cease-fire violations, the government should take the necessary steps to ensure the security of our delegation in Viet Nam.

Such is the position of our party, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATION RATE INCREASES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask for unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission to approve massive increases in rates for private wire, telex and broadband exchange services. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Thomas):

That in the opinion of this House the Canadian Transport Commission be instructed to withdraw its decision today approving increased telecommunications rates and that the government outline specific price guidelines for those areas under direct federal authority.

Mr. Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

SUGGESTED ABOLITION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an important and urgent

As a result of the sustained criticism against the CBC and the fact that this body no longer seems to meet the needs of Canadians generally, and that the members of Parliament exercise no control over its administration, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That this Parliament order the closing down of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and its replacement by a body respon-[Mr. Allard.] sible to Parliament whose interests will be suitable to the rights, privileges and wishes of the Canadian people as a whole.

Mr. Speaker: 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: Ves

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

FINANCE

FREEZING OF BANK INTEREST RATES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of this House to move an urgent motion.

In view of the exclusive privileges granted to the chartered banks which, for all practical purposes, control our economy, and their recently expressed intention to raise their interest rates, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne):

That this House freeze the present rates of interest of the chartered banks for a minimum period of two years with a possibility of decreasing them and that it demand the gradual increase in the reserve rate of these banks up to 100 per cent and that the privilege of creating our national credit be from now on exclusively reserved to the Bank of Canada.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not and the motion cannot therefore be put.

[English]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—CONTINUED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs would clarify a matter for me. Am I correct in understanding that the decision to stay on in Viet Nam for a further period of time is not based on any belief that the original purpose of supervising the truce