

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 6, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### STATUS OF WOMEN

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE STATUS IN BUSINESS  
COMMUNITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, under Standing Order 43, to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House notes the appointment by the minister responsible for the status of women of a committee to advise him on the business community's progress on status of women issues, the said committee being composed of senior representatives of Canadian business and industry who will meet with the minister twice a year, and this House, noting in particular that of the eight members of the committee seven are men and only one is a woman, condemns this gesture as sheer tokenism and calls on the government to come forward with positive steps to upgrade the status of women in this country's business community.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### FEDERAL PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

SUGGESTED REDEFINITION OF ROLE OF MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce an urgent motion of pressing necessity.

Considering the alarming conclusion contained in the report of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities that within five years the structure of the municipal government as we now know it will disappear; considering that this means the absolute seizure by the state of this sector, as was the case with school boards which completely lost their autonomy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House immediately discuss the actual role that should be fulfilled by the municipal government which is the base of our Canadian democracy system and, at the same time, the government level

closest to the citizens, to prevent completing the creation, as provided, of another administrative monster of the centralizing state.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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

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### SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST FOR GUARANTEED INCOME FOR HOMEMAKERS—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that the increase in the cost of living forces a growing number of women to leave the household to find a job enabling the family to make both ends meet, and that a high number of women would rather stay home to take care of their children instead of working out, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That this House examine the possibility of establishing a guaranteed income for homemakers wishing to stay home to take care of their children, so that it enables families to meet the ever rising cost of living across Canada.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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

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### THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTED RETURN TO PROVINCES OF RIGHT OF DIRECT  
TAXATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous