

S.O. 26

when notice of motion for the production of papers No. 2 will be answered with a very simple yes or no.

Mr. Collette: Madam Speaker, it is difficult for me to put a date on anything. I did put a date on motion No. 24 in reply to the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker). On this particular one, I will undertake to look into it and try to get the answer as soon as possible.

I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Shall I revert to motions to hear a motion by the hon. member for Hillsborough?

As early as next Tuesday, December 2, an opposition motion can be set down, if the hon. member so chooses, for debate in the House under supply procedures. In addition, the following six days have been set aside for the consideration of supply in Committee of the Whole. Pursuant to a special order adopted on April 29, 1980, members of the opposition have the opportunity to name a department or agency they wish to consider while in Committee of the Whole.

It seems to me that there will be ample opportunity for the hon. member to raise this matter in the House. Furthermore, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) is scheduled to appear before the Standing Committee on Transport later this afternoon on his estimates. The hon. member can then question the minister at length.

For those reasons I regret I cannot accept the hon. member's request for an emergency debate at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

CLOSING OF CN EXPRESS TERMINALS IN ATLANTIC REGION

Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough): As Madam Speaker will know from the notice I gave earlier today, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 26 to seek leave to move a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing what I consider to be a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the announced closing of ten of the 15 Canadian National Express terminals in the Atlantic region.

The closures will throw out of work over 250 CN employees and inflict substantial hardship on the many small business people, farmers, fishermen, and members of the general public who depend on CN Express for small parcel delivery to, from and within the region.

In conclusion, the matter is of pressing and urgent necessity because irreversible steps are being taken immediately by CN to terminate the employment of these employees and to contract with a national trucking company to replace, most inadequately, the services now being provided by CN Express.

Madam Speaker: I received notice from the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. McMillan) in exactly the terms he just stated in the House. There is no doubt the matter the hon. member is seeking to put before the House is a very important and very urgent one. However, the Chair cannot ignore the provisions of Standing Order 26(5) which read in part as follows:

In determining whether a matter should have urgent consideration, Mr. Speaker shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means.

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[Translation]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-6, an act to revise the Bank Act, to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act, to establish the Canadian Payments Association and to amend other acts in consequence thereof, without amendment.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received which reads as follows:

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Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Brian Dickson, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor