Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SUGGESTION THAT COMPENSATED DISCOUNT BE ALLOWED ON FOOD PURCHASES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I would like to ask the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion concerning an extremely urgent subject which involves all Canadians.

The catastrophic increase in food products prices in the last ten years will soon result in a situation where only the rich and the well-to-do will be able to afford quality food products. I propose, seconded by the hon. member for Compton (Mr. Latulippe):

That this House do study the possibility of creating a compensated discount on essential consumer products so that the level of food products be brought down according to the financial means of all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion presented by the hon. member for Abitibi under Standing Order 43 which requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There being no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1971

PROVISION FOR ASSISTANCE BY LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS TO UNORGANIZED WORKERS WISHING TO APPEAL BOARDS OF REFEREES' DECISIONS

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-154, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, this bill would eliminate the discrimination against those who are unorganized and desire to appeal boards of referees' decisions to the umpires. At the present time they are denied the advantage of the advice of labour councils and trade unions, which they may need and seek.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Gleave), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the future of employment in the Canadian automotive industry. This important matter arises from a statement made yesterday by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gillespie) in which he described—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Under the terms of Standing Order 26 the hon. member may indicate what the matter is without argument. He may only put on record the notice he has submitted to the Chair. If he has only a few more words he will be allowed to complete his statement.

Mr. Broadbent: Thank you, Mr. Speaker—in which he described the production safeguards in the Canada-United States automotive agreement as being "transitional" only.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby has given notice of his intention to seek the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing the subject matter of a statement made by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Substantially, this is the same problem as that on which an adjournment was sought yesterday by the hon. member for Halton. It was indicated yesterday that the Chair has to take into account opportunities for debate within a reasonable time. The comments made in connection with the motion proposed by the hon. member for Halton under Standing Order 26 apply substantially to the motion proposed today by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. In the circumstances, I believe that the Chair would not be justified in putting to the House a motion which would set aside today's business under government orders for the purpose of an emergency debate under Standing Order 26.

I realize that this is a matter which is of the utmost concern to the House. I trust, however, that in the course of the coming days there will be a number of opportunities to debate it, both in the House and in a committee.