

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 12, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### DRUGS

#### HEROIN—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek unanimous consent to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing public interest. I refer to a recent disclosure by a national magazine that the government's failure to act upon recommendations concerning the control and use of heroin constitutes a serious national situation. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Roche):

That the annual report of the Department of National Health and Welfare be forthwith referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs for consideration and report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion cannot be moved.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Sounds like a fix!

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### SOCIAL SECURITY

#### PENSION INCREASES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave under the terms of Standing Order 43 to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I feel sure my friends in the Official Opposition will agree to the motion being put and I hope the government will give it at least a few seconds thought before saying no. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis):

That immediately on the passing of this motion the Leader of the Opposition be given five minutes in which to state clearly the program of pension increases to which he referred last night on CBC television, and in particular to state the precise figure to which his party would raise the basic amount of the pension provided under the Old Age Security Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am doubtful as to the procedural acceptability of the suggestion proposed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** But it was agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will inquire from the House whether there is unanimous consent to the motion proposed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no apparent unanimity.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Who said no?

**Mr. Reid:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I should just like it to be known that it was not we on the government side who refused unanimous consent.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stanfield:** So that hon. members will not be disappointed, may I say I shall be speaking, I hope, later this afternoon.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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### FOOD PRICES

#### PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Tomorrow, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs will be appearing before the Special Committee on Food Prices. Since the minister left some doubt, in reply to questions last week, whether or not he is prepared to make available to the committee all of the findings of the Prices and Incomes Commission, and in view of the importance of those findings to the committee which has to report to the House in less than two months, I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That in the opinion of this House the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs should make available to the Special Committee on Trends In Food Prices all background studies and recommendations of the Prices and Incomes Commission.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for St. John's East. Is there unanimous consent?