

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 18, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

SUGGESTION GOVERNMENT RESPECT JURISDICTION OF EACH PROVINCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to bring up an urgent matter of national importance.

In view of the increased tensions and obvious economic and social injustices which were provoked by the present government through faulty application of the principles of Canadian federalism, more specifically as regards decentralization, respect for provincial autonomy and bilingualism, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hochelaga (Mr. Lavoie):

That this House demand of the government that it prove itself responsible by putting an end to its tactics of systematic harassment and confrontation, and that it come back to the only true concept of the federal pact, namely an integral respect of the jurisdictions of each province, the essential guarantee of harmony in Canada.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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[English]

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TITLE OF "SCROOGE, 1976" FOR MINISTER OF FINANCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the announcement by the Anti-Inflation Board that it is going to interfere with Christmas bonuses and Christmas gifts, in some cases denying them altogether, I suggest that it is appropriate to move a certain motion today, bearing in mind that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Macdonald) is responsible for the Anti-Inflation Board. I therefore

move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House officially confers on the Minister of Finance the title of "Scrooge 1976".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacFarlane: Humbug!

Mr. Paproski: Ghosts of Christmas past—Scrooge himself said no.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE MINISTRY

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister? In light of the former minister of transport's often repeated remarks that transportation is in a mess, and in view of examples of incompetency demonstrated by the present Minister of Transport, such as his handling of the air traffic controllers' problem, the application of the "I use but people pay" principle which he established and, now, his incompetent and inconsistent handling of the simple matter of car rentals at airports, would he consider giving part or all of that minister's portfolio to the Minister without Portfolio?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter for internal administration and I will give some consideration to the question, provided I understand the basis of it. For instance, the questioner referred to the minister's mishandling of the air traffic controller situation. I would be happy to know what the Tory policy was on that.

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AIRPORTS

CRITERIA USED TO JUDGE BIDS BY CAR RENTAL COMPANIES FOR SPACE AT AIRPORTS

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Before I put it, may I say to the Prime Minister, give us the responsibility and we will give you the policy.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!