

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 21, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL UNITY

ASSERTION THAT BOUNDARY BETWEEN NEWFOUNDLAND AND QUEBEC NOT NEGOTIABLE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the statement in the February edition of *Reader's Digest* by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lalonde) that—

—four-fifths of the Parti Québécois program . . . can be implemented within the federal system and the remaining fifth can be negotiated—

—and in view of the claims by the PQ government to a large part of the territory of Newfoundland as spelled out in article 6 of the PQ manifesto, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie):

That this House rejects the claim of the PQ government of Quebec to any part of the territory of the province of Newfoundland and, furthermore, that it is the opinion of this House that the boundary between Newfoundland and Quebec as established by the Privy Council decision of 1927 and as set out in the BNA Act is not negotiable.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate at this time would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the federal government released today its response to the recommendations of the labour-business Overview Committee reviewing the industry sector task force reports in which 500 Canadians participated, and in view of the fact that the economic ministers of the Crown respon-

sible for these matters are not here, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Gillies):

That this House condemns the government for its mishandling of this matter and in particular for its responding in a manner which appears to be more political than factual, leading the CLC to call the response a self-serving pre-election document which amounts to a breach of faith with private sector participants and to suggest the possibility that the CLC might withdraw from the whole process.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can be put at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LOTO CANADA

REQUEST FOR AUDITOR GENERAL'S INVESTIGATION INTO FINANCIAL AFFAIRS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of the same Standing Order.

In view of the report on the CBC news last night, and the confirmation today of the Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) (Mrs. Campagnolo) that the squandering of taxpayers' money as a result of mismanagement in Loto Canada has increased from \$800,000 in early December to a now scandalous \$8 million, and since in this House on December 5 in reference to the issue the minister stated, "I am only an \$800,000 woman," I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Rae):

That this House requests the Auditor General to investigate the financial calamity of Loto Canada and to report on what has happened in two months to change the Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) from an \$800,000 woman to an \$8 million woman.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.