Impeachment and Censure

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

As there is in this country a formal bill of rights; as Canada has always been recognized as a land of freedom; as facts and circumstances revealed by the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) on illegal entries of the RCMP in the case of democratic individuals and organizations; and because those illegal, illegitimate and shameful acts were inspired by the government authorities in power, and also, because those same authorities, still in power, may well pursue such chauvinistic, rash and hateful acts: and also bearing in mind the fact that the Solicitor General or the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) did not deign to answer adequately the questions of hon. members of this House, of whom the leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) wanted to get information on the files the RCMP have on some hon. members of this Parliament, and finally because every citizen in this country will now have that sword of Damocles hanging over his liberties, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That this House order the government to set up a royal commission of inquiry, both objective and impartial, into all the extraprofessional activities of the RCMP with a view to determining whether or not it has exceeded the bounds of its role, and also to denouncing who is really responsible for that trampling of citizens' rights and freedoms.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PROPOSED RESTORATION OF IMPEACHMENT AND CENSURE PROCEEDINGS IN CERTAIN CASES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a very short motion to move under the provisions of Standing Order 43, which will have immense appeal to the other side. If consent is given, I will move:

That a select parliamentary committee be established to consider proposals to restore the practice of impeachment and censure proceedings in cases of misdemeanor and offences against the public interest alleged against those in high places.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

[Mr. Speaker.]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the shocking ministerial ignorance or responsibility for illegal activities of the security and intelligence services involving break-ins, theft, arson, etc, and the inability or unwillingness of the present government to either know or state what happened, or in effect clarify what activities constitute effective and proper security procedures, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That the present and former solicitor general, now the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, make statements on motions immediately in order that their knowledge and/or authorization of illegal break-ins, theft, arson, etc. may be fully explained to this House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PROPOSALS TO PROVINCES WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the urgency of the statements of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) regarding the illegal activities of the security and intelligence services of the government; and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister, as head of all security operations in the country, should be present in the House today to explain and clarify his remarks, unless matters of even greater urgency prevent him from being here; and in view of the fact the Prime Minister has described his current meetings with the provincial premiers as merely a sounding out of opinion, I moved, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House regrets the absence of the Prime Minister at this sitting and requests the Acting Prime Minister to divulge to the House immediately what, if any, concrete proposals are being made to the provincial premiers at this time to