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Minister of Supply and Services yell across the floor, "sick, sick", and point their fingers to their heads, like this. It is they who will be sick after this election is over, good and sick.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I think I might have a question of privilege, too. I do not want to go into the longstanding practice of the Prime Minister of the country being conveyed by transportation belonging to the government, whether it be by rail, by aircraft or by boat. I will stand by the accepted practice.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: As I say, I will stand by the accepted practice, but I think I must add that I sometimes use commercial airlines when I find it is not inconvenient to the public, in the same way as I use my own private car. This being said, I want to point out once again that all members of the House, including Tories, use public transportation, use Department of National Defence aircraft and use Department of Transport aircraft, and not only to get to their ridings. I have seen several Tory frontbenchers on DND planes going overseas on several occasions, and I can name them if you want.

Mr. Bell: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, it is electioneering by army helicopter that we object to.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Again I appeal to hon. members. It seems to me that this exchange cannot be constructive, and I wonder whether there is any point in pursuing the matter.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member rises on a point of order and of course I have to recognize him, but I appeal to hon. members to try to get on with the business of the House. It is my impression that there is important business to be transacted this afternoon.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my point of order is not a controversial one and has nothing to do with the motion that was turned down on which the Prime Minister spoke. I wish to lend my support to the previous motion moved under Standing Order 43 by a backbencher on the other side. In addition to increases in war veterans allowances, will he also press that the war veterans of this country be permitted to wear their decorations on formal occasions where the Queen or the Governor General of this country is involved?

● (1430)

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order and with regard to the desire of the House to deal with the amendments improving the War Veterans Allowance Act, I would advise hon. members that the government is quite ready to put this legislation before the House tomorrow and in succeeding days.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Mr. Cossitt.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Now that the House has disposed of the item, points of order, we will return to the item, motions.

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GRAIN

PROSPECTIVE REMOVAL OF FEED GRAINS FROM CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to request the consent of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity in connection with the apparent decision of the government to undermine, if not emasculate, the Canadian Wheat Board in its equivocally worded and announced prospective policy regarding domestic feed grains. The motion I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski), is:

That this House views with alarm the prospective removal of feed grains from the Canadian Wheat Board, and directs the government not to permit this to be done.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The right hon. member's motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 and requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Member: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I gather there is not unanimous consent. The motion therefore cannot be put. Is the right hon. gentleman rising on a point of order?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I could not hear what you said, having regard to the trumpet call of defeat that is apparent on the government side of the House today.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Assiniboia rises on the same point of order.

Mr. Knight: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact we have had no legislation on this matter and in view of the fact the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) represents a grain area, as do many other members, particularly members from Saskatchewan, I wonder whether the government would reconsider its decision on the motion as the right hon. member for Prince Albert has stated a position contrary to the position taken by the official Conservative party? He is in agreement with the position of the NDP in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that is debate and not a point of order.