Income Tax

NATIONAL REVENUE

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF LEASE FOR BUILDING FOR TAX DATA CENTRE AT WINNIPEG—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

My motion arises out of a matter I raised in the adjournment debate last evening and the complete non-answer I received from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Cyr). Perhaps those on the other side of the House do not consider the waste of millions of taxpayers' dollars on a totally inadequate building for the new tax data centre in Winnipeg a matter of importance.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon, member has a motion perhaps he could put it.

Mr. McKenzie: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie):

That the government's blunder in entering into a costly lease for the CAE building to house the tax data centre in Winnipeg be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Works, that the committee be empowered to call for all documents concerning this matter, and that the Ministers of National Defence, Public Works, Justice and National Revenue be called before the committee to explain their role in this misapplication of public funds.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

INCOME TAX

SUGGESTED EXTENSION OF PROVISION PERMITTING DEDUCTION OF LOSSES FROM INVESTMENTS IN RENTAL APARTMENT PROJECTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgency. In view of escalating rents and severe shortages in rental apartment accommodation, in view of a seriously insufficient number of new apartment starts and in observance of the successful stimulation in the past of new apartment building projects provided by the ability of persons to deduct losses resulting from investment in such projects from their taxable income, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That this House recommend to the government and the Minister of Finance that the period enabling individuals to deduct losses resulting from investment in new rental apartment projects from their taxable income as provided for in the budget of November 18, 1974, be extended beyond its December 31, 1975, deadline.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion as required by Standing Order 43?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Translation]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PROPOSED COMMISSION TO STUDY DIFFERENTIAL IN GASOLINE PRICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion of pressing public necessity and importance.

Since there can be a difference of as much as 10 cents a gallon between the cost of gasoline bought in Montreal and Abitibi or Gaspesia, for example, and since this difference is not proportionate to the cost of transport, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That a standing committee of this House be requested to examine the reasons for this tremendous difference between the price of gasoline from one area to the other and to make recommendation to the House to take necessary steps to prevent that areas such as Abitibi and Gaspesia, among others, suffer from disproportionate gas prices as compared with other areas of the country.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

[English]

OLYMPIC GAMES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF FEDERAL COMMITMENTS ON COST AND ADEQUACY OF CONTROL MECHANISM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. My motion arises out of recent reports from Montreal indicating that the cost of the 1976 Olympics is likely to exceed \$1 billion, a cost estimate which, I gather, does not take into account the added costs certain to result from labour disruptions of the kind we now have at the Olympic site. I well realize that this government takes the position that these soaring costs are someone's else's problem. But the fact is, as we all know, that the federal government itself has heavy direct—

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Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member has a motion, will he put it forthwith?

Mr. Jelinek: In order that we in parliament as well as the people of Canada might have a more up to date and complete accounting of the federal position on this matter, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens):