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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER AND
INTRODUCTION OF SECOND PART OF COMPETITION POLICY—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact this House no longer has a Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, that the lack of such a minister may very well be used by this government to procrastinate in introducing the second part of its competition policy dealing with combines legislation, and in view of the fact that the former minister had promised this legislation this year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

The government immediately appoint another Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and that this minister's first priority be to bring before this House the second part of the government's competition policy.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is there unanimous consent pursuant to Standing Order 43?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE AT COVERAGE OF DEATH OF
DR. WILDER PENFIELD—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 concerning the news coverage of the unfortunate and untimely death of Dr. Wilder Penfield. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House expresses its profound displeasure with the CBC for giving considerably more coverage on its National News to the death of a United States multimillionaire than to that of the distinguished Canadian, Dr. Wilder Graves Penfield.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The provisions of Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House before presenting the said motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: What is the motion?

Mr. Lawrence: Would you repeat the motion, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House having given its unanimous consent as required, pursuant to Standing Order 43, it is moved by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent), seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

[Mr. Speaker.]

This House expresses its profound displeasure with the CBC for giving considerably more attention to the CBC's coverage of the death of a United States multimillionaire than to that of the distinguished Canadian, Dr. Wilder Penfield.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE**LOCKHEED CONTRACT—COMPANY'S PROPOSALS FOR
INTERIM FINANCING—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF LETTER
DATED JUNE 5, 1975, FROM PROJECT OFFICE**

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. The minister has said that Lockheed led the government to believe it could provide interim financing and he cited Mr. Heppe's letter as proof of this, but that seems to be a complete reversal of what Mr. Heppe actually wrote. What he did write is that Lockheed could probably finance the shortfall sum of \$27 million subject to the approval of the emergency loan guarantee board, and subject also to full repayment by Canada in April of this year. In other words, Lockheed believed it could probably finance \$27 million, but only for eight months. Does the minister have any proof whatsoever to show that Lockheed did indicate it could borrow a much larger sum of money over a two or three year period?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as I stated at the time of tabling that letter, it referred to the financing in the summer, long before the final negotiations in December. I made that very clear. However, in conversations which were held by my officials with officials of Lockheed, it was also our understanding that the Lockheed Company could finance the short-term or production phase payments.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the same minister. Did the proposal that Lockheed should provide interim financing come from Lockheed itself or from the LRPA project office? Mr. Heppe's letter appears to suggest that the proposal actually originated on the Canadian side in item (c) of the project office letter 6000-07-1(L) dated 5 June, 1975. Will the minister table this letter?

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Speaker, is the hon. member referring to the letter asking for information, the letter which brought the response which I tabled? If that is so, I have no difficulty in tabling it because it relates very directly to the other letter.