

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 15, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

CALL FOR INCREASE IN PENSIONS OF WIDOWS OF DISABLED VETERANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, there are some cabinet ministers whose departure from Ottawa would not exactly depress us, but there are one or two exceptions. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House calls on the Minister of Veterans Affairs, before he considers leaving this place, to add to the good job he has done on behalf of veterans by introducing legislation to provide prorata pensions for widows of disabled veterans, in any case where the veteran's pension was below 48 per cent, and also by introducing legislation to amend and update the War Veterans Allowance Act, it being clear that this House would co-operate with the minister in enacting such legislation without delay, and certainly before he leaves.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE MEDIA

NEWS CONFERENCES HELD BY PRIME MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity involving the principle of news manipulation and control.

In view of the concern of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) about whether he sits down or stands up at his semi-occasional news conferences, keeping in mind the parliamentary press gallery's official request today that the Prime Minister return to his practice of weekly news conferences, hosted by a member of the press gallery executive and in the National Press gallery theatre, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House requests the Prime Minister to show his professed respect for the media and for freedom of information by moving his news conferences back to the renovated Lester Pearson press theatre, where he will not be open to the charge of news manipulation.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INDUSTRY TO DEVOTE PROPORTION OF PROFITS TO RESEARCH AND MODERNIZATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with a matter of pressing necessity, that is the general economic climate in the country.

Considering that the closing of the Cadbury plant in Montreal will entail the loss of 500 jobs in Quebec.

Considering that the main cause of that closing is the fact that the company in Montreal has used its capital to open another manufacture in Ontario rather than to modernize the one which has been operating for 60 years, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the government seriously consider forcing large manufactures to reinvest each year at least 15 per cent of their profits for research and modernization of their facilities to avoid repetition of such disasters.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.