

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 22, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED RESCINDING OF GUIDELINES ON HOUSING AND EDUCATION PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH NATIVE REPRESENTATIVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has recently implemented policy guideline circulars effective April 1, 1975 affecting Indian rights and obligations, in view of the fact that there is evidence that these circulars have been rejected by all elected Indian leaders, and since funding from the department will be cut off to bands not abiding by the guidelines causing substantial apprehension and concern amongst our native peoples, as well as in view of the minister's statement in the House of Commons on May 6, 1975 that if the guidelines create difficulties and problems his department is prepared to change them, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent (Mr. Holmes):

That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development immediately rescind the policy guideline circulars respecting housing and education and immediately convene meetings with elected chiefs and their representative bodies to obtain a consensus on mutually satisfactory guidelines to replace the present unsatisfactory guidelines.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSING

PROPOSED RE-INSTITUTION OF AHOP FUNDING FOR EXISTING HOUSING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I also rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that banks and other financial institutions have raised the mortgage rate and limited the funds available for mortgages for existing housing, and in view of the fact that CMHC has cut out all funding for existing housing

under the Assisted Home Ownership Plan thereby discriminating against moderate income home buyers who are now forced to obtain mortgages at 15 per cent, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan):

That this House instruct the Minister of State for Urban Affairs to re-institute AHOP funding for existing housing.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH IN MAGAZINE "NOUS"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion arising from the centrefold photograph in the June issue of the magazine *Nous* showing the Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs. Trudeau under the heading "The best dressed couple of the year" in their prize-winning outfits which consist only and entirely of Canada's honoured maple leaf questionably replacing the traditional fig leaf.

I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Mackenzie):

That the House requests the Prime Minister to make an immediate statement as to whether this photographic venture is part of a new government policy of full disclosure and complete revelation that will eventually lead to the uncovering of many hidden things, hopefully including Mr. Michael Pitfield.

● (1410)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

HEALTH

GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ASSURE PROPER INSPECTION OF MEAT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare.

In view of the obvious responsibility which he has under the Food and Drugs Act, can the minister assure the