

tional supervision and control. I should like to say, through him, to the government of Pakistan that I implore it to do everything possible to open the situation to international scrutiny, because it is not at all pleasing that one of our Commonwealth fellow members should have such a very poor image, as seems to be the case throughout the world. I do hope that the Canadian government will do everything possible through its friendly relations with this sister Commonwealth state to urge upon it the kind of a course set out in the minister's final paragraph.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin), speaking on behalf of this party, has been urging upon the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) that a statement such as this be made in the House of Commons. Speaking for this party I want to say that we welcome this announcement most warmly. We are sure that the people of Canada will approve of this contribution of \$2 million. As the previous speaker has said, we here on the floor of the House are not in a position to judge the adequacy of that amount, but we trust that if events prove that an even larger contribution from Canada is required, the government will give favourable consideration to it.

I join with the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie) in urging on behalf of members of this House that the government of Pakistan appreciate the world concern over this situation and that it find a way to permit these supplies to reach the people who need them, under proper supervision.

• (11:20 a.m.)

The only other comment I would like to make is that we feel the government of Canada should be studying very carefully the appeal of Prime Minister Gandhi of India to the nations of the world to realize that this situation in Pakistan or Bangla Desh, in that subcontinent, will have to be resolved by the finding of a political solution. The nations of the world will have to be involved and we think Canada should be giving its best thought to this important and pressing problem.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, surely the government could not remain indifferent to the current situation in Pakistan and to the refugees from western Pakistan.

My colleagues and myself welcome the announcement made in this House by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the effect that Canada is prepared to provide \$2 million in relief supplies including food, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and cash contributions.

We also welcome the fact that the government is acting to ask our High Commissioner to urge the Pakistan government to allow the access of relief under appropriate international control.

We must obviously help ease the hardships of these refugees and we commend the government for taking steps for this purpose.

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North Sydney-Port aux Basques Ferry Fare

[English]

TRANSPORT

FERRY FARE INCREASE, NORTH SYDNEY-PORT AUX BASQUES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. This matter concerns the 60 per cent increase in passenger and motor car fares on the government ferry service between North Sydney, Nova Scotia, and Port aux Basques, Newfoundland. This rate increase violates term 32 of the terms of confederation between Canada and Newfoundland. It is an unprecedented breach of the government guidelines against inflation and a foul blow to the Newfoundland tourist industry at a time when 25 per cent of the Newfoundland labour force are unemployed. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Thomas):

"That this House resolves that the fare increase on the Nova Scotia-Newfoundland ferry service be suspended and that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for St. John's West. This motion requires unanimous consent of the House by virtue of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS

REFERRAL OF PETITIONS AND REPORTS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Victor Forget (Saint-Michel), seconded by Mr. Antonio Thomas (Maisonneuve-Rosemont), moved:

That the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and Royal Victoria Hospital petitions tabled after the delay prescribed by Standing Order 90 be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, with the fourth report of the Clerk of petitions submitted to the House on Friday, May 28, 1971, in order that the Committee be in a position to make the proper recommendations.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.