

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 19, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION OF STUDIES ON
QUEBEC-OTTAWA RELATIONS FROM 1967 TO 1977—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, last Friday the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) confirmed the decision of the Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations (Mr. Jarvis) not to make public the studies on Quebec-Ottawa relations between 1967 and 1977. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an urgent and important matter.

Considering that the Progressive Conservative Party had led the Canadian people to believe that it would give them an open government; considering that the secrecy surrounding those studies and their concealment could give rise in Quebec to a negative response; and, finally, considering that some distinguished Quebec editors have stated, in connection with the referendum debate, that it would be unhealthy and suspicious if important or embarrassing files were not available for public discussion, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre):

That the government reconsider its initial decision and immediately make public the studies dealing with Quebec-Ottawa relations from 1967 to 1977.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. 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.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON FROZEN FISH PLANT IN SENEGAL
AND PHASING OF PROJECT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a motion relating to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since 1976, the city of Granby, and more particularly the association formed by Granby and its twin cities, have been making representations to CIDA and asking it to provide financial assistance for a frozen fish plant project in Senegal. Since 1978, Canadian experts have been going to Senegal and creating expectations among local residents. Unfortunately, few concrete results have been obtained from these visits and talks. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rosemont (Mr. Lachance):

That the House recommend to the Minister of State for CIDA to inform Canadians and Senegalese of the current status of this project and of the date of its implementation if any.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

OUTREACH PROGRAM

REINSTATEMENT OF WOMEN'S FUNDS—PRIORITY FOR WOMEN
IN EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Atkey) having failed to reinstate the women's Outreach funds for either the Saskatoon or Toronto projects, among others—projects which may soon have to close their doors for lack of funding—and in view of the minister having omitted women from his remarks in the House last Friday concerning the government's underlying philosophy on employment strategy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):