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have to be altered if the proposed amendments are to be made to the bill. The Governor General's recommendation fixes a limit on the amount of salary and expense allowance that can be made to members of parliament during the thirtieth parliament. It is possible under these new provisions for that ceiling to be exceeded. The Governor General's recommendation also provides for an escalation formula to come into effect only in the thirty-first parliament. It is now proposed that there be an escalation formula that will apply during this parliament.

I submit that at some point along the road if these amendments are to be proceeded with there will have to be either a new Governor General's recommendation or a revision of the one that is now before us. I ask Your Honour to take this matter under advisement.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order may I say to you, sir, that these points have been considered by the government and if, as the hon. member says, it proves to be necessary to introduce a new recommendation or to alter the present one, we will certainly abide by your decision.

Mr. Speaker: The difficulty, of course, is that the decision can only be made when the amendment is put together and viewed, and that can only be done in the standing committee. This is a forewarning that the point will have to be dealt with when it arises.

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PROPOSED REFERENCE OF EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S. O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the increasing labour unrest throughout and affecting Air Canada'a operations, and in view of the low morale in the Canadian Airline Employees Association, compounded by widespread rumours of lay-offs which resulted in the president of CALEA, Mr. Tom Saunders, sending an urgent telegram to Mr. Yves Pratte, chairman of the board of Air Canada, on December 17 requesting that the company make a statement on its intentions regarding possible lay-offs, a course of action which the company to this point has not denied, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That the matter of employer-employee relations in Air Canada be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications at the first available opportunity and that in the meantime the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Transport take appropriate steps to make certain that there are no confrontations developing that could interrupt the operations of our country's national air carrier.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion. I take the hon. member's word for a fact that the telegram between the chairman of the association and the president of Air Canada was, in fact, an urgent message of some sort, and I will therefore put the question. It being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43,

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There being no unanimous consent, it cannot be debated at this time.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

TABLING OF REPORT ON CRASH OF BUFFALO AIRCRAFT IN SYRIA ON AUGUST 9, 1974

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, in response to earlier questions I wish to table in English and in French a report on the crash in Syria on August 9, 1974 of a Canadian Buffalo aircraft which was operating with the U.N. emergency force in the Middle East.

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NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

AMENDMENTS TO AMOUNT OF INSURED LOANS, TO INCREASE CAPITAL OF CORPORATION, ETC.

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-46, to amend the National Housing Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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JUDGES ACT AND CERTAIN ACTS RELATED TO THE SUPREME COURTS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED SALARIES AND ADDITIONAL JUDGES

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-47, to amend the Judges Act and certain other acts for related purposes and in respect of the reconstitution of the Supreme Courts of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I was otherwise engaged and I understand that you stood the Railway Act bill. I will be prepared to move that for Mr. Marchand (Langelier).