

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 8, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

BULLET-PROOF VESTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that since the first of this year eight police officers have been killed in the line of duty, and during this time several others have been wounded seriously, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That immediate steps be taken by the government to do whatever is necessary, through legislation or other means, to assure that all members of all police forces in the country be issued with bullet-proof vests so that each and every one of them has some measure of protection at all times while protecting and defending the citizens of our country against all unlawful and criminal elements.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

RECOGNITION OF REMEMBRANCE DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I have a short motion under Standing Order 43. In view of the decision of the Post Office to break the laws of Canada, namely, the Holidays Act, chapter H-7 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, and the Armistice Day Act of Newfoundland, by directing the Post Office to operate a normal-day service on Saturday, November 11, despite section 3 of the act, thus also showing disrespect for our veterans, the Canadian Legion and their fallen comrades, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the government direct the Post Office to observe Saturday, November 11, Remembrance Day, as a holiday, and that the Post Office apologize to the Canadian Legion and all veterans for this ignoring of the laws of Canada and for the disrespect shown veterans of Canada's wars.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lamontagne: Mr. Speaker, a point of order—

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Pinard: The Postmaster General (Mr. Lamontagne) wants to raise a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan).

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

MEASURES TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTIC REGION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the adjusted unemployment rate for the province of Nova Scotia for October, as revealed by Statistics Canada, shows an adjusted seasonal rate of 10.2 per cent, and in view of the serious government expenditure restraints, plus the high interest rates policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That special capital works projects be immediately planned for Nova Scotia and the rest of the Atlantic region, to be implemented as soon as possible to avoid extremely serious conditions for the unemployed in these areas during the coming winter.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.