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FINANCE

LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to put a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Concerning small businesses that lack the investment necessary to increase its production and its profitability, present financial institutions refuse to extend more credit to them. In view of the price increases in resources and transportation, their present credit is not sufficient.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House consider the possibility of increasing loans made to small businesses by way of endorsement of bank loans and of providing them better interest rates.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put.

[English]

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Since we have gone past the motion respecting the Easter adjournment, I wonder whether the government House leader or the Minister of Justice might like to tell us, in order to keep our hopes alive, what will happen to this recess motion that is of great interest to many people?

Mr. Speaker: The motion called by the Chair is in the name of the Minister of Justice. Stand.

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CANADIAN FOOTBALL ACT

PROTECTION AGAINST FOREIGN ENCROACHMENT

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-22, respecting Canadian Professional Football.

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

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MOTOR VEHICLE TIRE SAFETY ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING USE OF NATIONAL SAFETY MARKS AND PROVISION OF SAFETY STANDARDS

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill S-3, respecting the use of national safety marks in relation to motor vehicle

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tires and to provide for safety standards for certain motor vehicle tires imported into or exported from Canada or sent or conveyed from one province to another.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Text]

PENSIONS FOR RETIRED CHARTERED BANK EMPLOYEES

Question No. 32—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

Has the Minister of Finance, or the Inspector-General of Banks acting for the minister, since March 14, 1973, had any further discussions with the chartered banks concerning the need for the pensions paid to their retired employees to be escalated annually by an amount at least equal to the rise in the cost of living and, if so, can the minister now say whether the chartered banks are implementing this practice with respect to their retired employees?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): As indicated in the reply on March 14, 1973, the hon. member's starred questions numbered 811 and 1082 were drawn to the attention of the president of each of the chartered banks. Responses since that date indicate that banks are not formally committed to a continuing future escalation of pensions based on the cost of living because of the unpredictable liability involved. However, most banks, including all the larger banks, review the situation annually, taking into account rising living costs, and make special supplementary payments particularly to the older pensioners or their survivors who have been most affected by rising costs.

ONTARIO HOUSING AUTHORITIES CONVENTIONS

Question No. 38—**Mr. Hellyer:**

Has the government considered contacting the government of Ontario to suggest that the annual association of Ontario Housing authorities convention be rescheduled on a bi-annual basis in order to save the time of the participants and cost to the taxpayers and, if not, will the government undertake to do so?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): While the federal government has not considered contacting the government of the province of Ontario with respect to the frequency of the meetings of the Association of Ontario Housing Authorities, it is understood that the provincial government has been engaged in a continuing review of the operations of Ontario Housing Authorities, including the questions of conferences, meetings and training programs, and some changes in their organization and functions are anticipated.