

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There are yeas and nays, and the fact that there are nays indicates that the motion cannot be put at this time.

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[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

DISPLAY OF CANADIAN FLAG—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave under the terms of Standing Order 43 to move a motion which I hold to be of national urgency. Tomorrow, February 15, will be the eighth anniversary of our Canadian flag. In most legislative bodies throughout the world, the national flag stands in a place of honour.

Knowing the spirit of good citizenship and patriotism of my hon. colleagues, who are all proud to be Canadians, I trust that my motion will get unanimous support without debate.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Stewart):

That the Speaker of the House, following the adoption of this motion, be authorized as of February 15, 1973, to display the Canadian Flag in the House of Commons in such location as he chooses.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Gaspé. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult for the Chair to determine whether there is unanimous consent. I might say that when some members say "agreed" and others say "d'accord" it is perhaps even more difficult to make out what the consensus of the House is. I want to make sure, if there is unanimous consent, that it is made clear to the Chair. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I think there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

• (1420)

[Translation]

Mr. Laprise: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Abitibi is rising on a point of order.

Cablevision

Mr. Laprise: Mr. Speaker, we gave unanimous consent on the preceding motion and we would like to have the same opportunity when we, in turn, present motions under Standing Order 43.

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[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN COUNSELLORS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of the current practice of some former government employees acting as consultants to their former departments upon leaving government service, thereby trading on the expertise and associations gained there, and in view of the number of former DREE employees now so engaged as consultants to applicants seeking DREE benefits, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That this whole matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Economic Expansion with instructions to consider possible amendments to existing legislation or enactment of new legislation such as exists in other jurisdictions notably the United Kingdom, to halt this highly objectionable practice.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Central Nova. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The hon. member's motion cannot be put.

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[Translation]

BROADCASTING

CABLEVISION—REPRESENTATIONS TO CANADIAN CRTC—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I ask for unanimous consent to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. As the Canadian Radio-Television Commission no longer issues cablevision licence in areas where only one television system is in operation, the Lower St. Lawrence and Gaspé areas will be cut off from an important source of information.

Therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne) I move:

That the minister responsible for the Department of the Secretary of State make representations to the CRTC in order to give those the information services they are entitled to.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion presented by the hon. member for Rimouski under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.