

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 9, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL INTERCEPTION OF MAIL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Having regard to the serious doubts now raised publicly about the integrity, or lack thereof, in the Solicitor General's annual report to parliament dated February 11, 1977 wherein it was asserted that only one warrant authorizing postal communication interception was issued in 1976, which warrant allegedly could not be executed, and since it is now alleged in media reports that mail interception with or without warrant may have been, and may be, a common occurrence, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That a reference be made to the standing committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to permit that committee to investigate in its entirety the matter of illegal and unauthorized interceptions of mail.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43 such a motion can be put to the House only by unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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TRADE

SUGGESTED DELAY OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS PENDING INTRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, considering that the Economic Council has pointed out that the government has no plan to deal with the problems which will arise from its announcement and studied intention to reduce tariffs and considering that the results of such reductions could be disastrous for Canadian workers in textiles, plastics, shoes and electronics, as well as in other sectors, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instructs the government not to proceed with such tariff reductions until it presents to the House an industrial strategy designed to ensure continuing employment in these crucial sectors.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is presented under the terms of Standing Order 43 and consequently unanimous consent is required before it can be put to the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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FINANCE

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. As the dollar continues to be under pressure having broken the 90 cent level once again today, and as there has been a further \$100 million dollar drain on our U.S. dollar reserves so far this month with \$50 million dollars going out this morning, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That there be an immediate reference to the appropriate standing committee of this House with respect to our foreign exchange position and the government's handling of the matter.

Mr. Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 43 unanimous consent is required before the motion can be put. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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TOURISM

SUGGESTION CANADIANS HOLIDAY AT HOME TO REMEDY TRAVEL DEFICIT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion under Standing Order 43 concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Having regard to the growing Canadian travel and tourist deficit, which now stands at \$1.7 billion and in view of the serious consequences of this huge deficit for the Canadian balance of payments position and much needed jobs in the Canadian tourist industry, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House agrees with the recent statements of the Minister of Finance that Canadians should holiday at home to remedy the country's travel deficit