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income to face up to the necessities of life, that is shelter, food and clothing, and that only a guaranteed annual income for all Canadians could really provide material security for all our fellow citizens, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House consider the possibility of establishing as soon as possible a universal program of guaranteed annual income, without any discrimination, to bring economic security to all Canadians.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

EFFECT OF INCOME TAX CHANGES ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the dramatic rise in unemployment, and in view of the principle inherent in the statement by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) that the Syncrude project was exempted from the 1974 budget measures because it was unfair to change the rules in the middle of the game, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That the Minister of Finance be instructed to appear immediately before the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs to explain what further plans he has to limit his capacity to amend the income tax law and to frustrate its uniform application, and what effect such limitations and the resultant revenue loss will have on the minister's ability to deal with such economic problems as the disastrously high unemployment rate.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the proposed motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, 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 not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

[Mr. Allard.]

[Translation]

OLYMPIC GAMES

SUGGESTION FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASSUME PART OF DEFICIT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move an important and very urgent motion.

Since the 1976 Olympic Games which will be held in Montreal, the metropolis of Canada, and which will serve to put not only the province of Quebec but also the whole of Canada in the forefront of the world, may very likely result in a deficit of several hundred million, a deficit which should be assumed by all Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That this House consider the possibility for the federal government of making sure that all deficits incurred for the 1976 Olympic Games and consistent with sound administration will be shared equally by all Canadians, since the whole of Canada will eventually benefit from the publicity and the international prestige of the Olympic Games.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

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EFFECT OF BUDGET ON EMPLOYMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance arising from the forecasts in his budget speech of November 18 last in which he predicted that 250,000 new jobs would be created in 1975 and that there would be a growth rate of 4 per cent, assuming no unforeseen deterioration of the economic environment at home or abroad. Are these the forecasts of the minister on the basis of the measures he took in his budget?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, because of the continuing deterioration of the United States economy our forecasts for growth have been shaded down, as I have indicated in several forums. Also, in terms of employment growth, despite the disturbing figures today our employment growth month over month—that is to say, January, 1975, over January, 1974—is still 2.5 per cent compared to the figure for the United States of minus 1.4 per cent.