

Possible Closing of Canadair

● (2:40 p.m.)

INDUSTRY**POSSIBLE CLOSING OF CANADAIR—REQUEST FOR
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION TO
ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I request leave to move the adjournment of the House, under Standing Order 43, to discuss a question which has not yet been considered in the House, and which is extremely important.

At the present time 29 subcontractors of Canadair are in a very poor financial situation and will have, all or most of them, to lay off most of their employees, which might put several thousand people out of work in a few days. Indeed, the Aero Machine Parts Company, in Longueuil, will have to do so either today or tomorrow.

That situation, Mr. Speaker, is brought about by the precarious situation of Canadair, which had 10,000 employees in 1968, at the time we were promised a "just society", 3,900 in April 1971 and 1,900 by the end of—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must interrupt the hon. member and ask him to state the meaning of his motion as soon as possible. May I suggest at the same time that the procedure he is following seems to be slightly out of order. The hon. member is proposing that the business of the House be adjourned under Standing Order 43, so that an urgent question may be discussed. A motion of this kind should be made under Standing Order 26 and not under Standing Order 43 and requires furthermore the regular notice. If the motion is moved under Standing Order 26, the notice I just referred to must be forwarded to the Chair in written form within the deadline provided for in the Standing Order and then the statement of the hon. member must be limited to a few sentences.

The hon. member seems to have merged both Standing Orders and is using the best of two worlds to make a statement which I feel is rather lengthy. I would therefore suggest that he indicate as soon as possible the nature of the motion he wishes to put forward.

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to show the importance and urgency of my question and to request the unanimous consent of the House, because at the end of 1971, there will only be 1,900 employees at Canadair—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must interrupt the hon. member and ask him to come to the point. If he does not accept the suggestion of the Chair, he will not be allowed to present the motion or to indicate to the House the substance of his motion.

I invite the hon. member to co-operate with the Chair and to consider that all hon. members generally who present motions under Standing Order 43 abide not only by the letter but also by the intent of this rule, and content themselves with making very brief statements explaining the urgency of the question.

[Mr. Laprise.]

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I request the unanimous consent of the House to propose my motion, in view of the very critical and very important situation of the closing in a few days of a major company, Canadair of Montreal.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has not yet indicated the meaning of his motion. At all events, I take it for granted that he is suggesting that this House adjourn for the purpose of considering the important and urgent matter to which he has just referred, and I invite the House to indicate whether there is unanimous consent pursuant to Standing Order 43.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will have noted as I did that there is not unanimous consent. Consequently, the motion that the hon. member intended to present to the Chair cannot be considered by the House at this point.

[English.]

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I was rising to present a motion under Standing Order 43.

Mr. Speaker: I recognize that the hon. member intends to follow the suggestion made by the Chair that he will move a motion under Standing Order 43, but we are still on motions and at this point I recognize the President of the Privy Council, following which I will recognize the hon. member for Moose Jaw.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

EASTER RECESS—ADJOURNMENT FROM APRIL 7 TO
APRIL 19

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That when this House adjourns on April 7, 1971, it shall stand adjourned until April 19, 1971, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time;

[Translation.]

And that, in the event of Mr. Speaker's being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker or the Deputy Chairman of the Committees shall act in his stead for the purpose of reconvening the House.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.