

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 18, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN INITIAL PRICE OF NO. 1 AND NO. 2
WHEAT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Having regard to the fact that although during the past weeks wheat has been selling out of Vancouver and Thunder Bay at between \$4.50 and \$4.70 a bushel, and that the initial price for wheat for the farmer at the farm gate is only \$2.75, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House requests the initial price of No. 1 and No. 2 wheat be increased immediately by at least 50 cents a bushel.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Turned down by Liberal members again.

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SOCIAL INSURANCE

ADVISORY COUNCIL STUDY OF INCREASING USE OF SOCIAL
INSURANCE NUMBERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Noting the decision of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) to form an advisory council to study the increasing use of social insurance numbers only after persistent pressure by the official opposition, and noting with dismay and incredulity further evidence of government expansion of the use of SIN in that the Canadian Transport Commission now requires all domestic charter passengers to provide their SIN if they wish to profit from the savings of

advance booking, that Statistics Canada demands farmers' SIN in their agricultural enumerative survey, and that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation uses the SIN as an employee identification number, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the minister immediately convene the advisory council and instruct it to report as soon as possible so that legislation limiting the continued expansion of SIN can be introduced after the Christmas recess and, in any event, before 1984.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE PROGRAMMING—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, in recent days I and other members, such as the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin), have received several complaints from farm people regarding a recent program about beef farming on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation entitled "High Steaks". Farmers claim that, like the program last year on grain entitled "What Breadbasket", the program was biased, one-sided and it did not represent a true overview of various opinions on the beef industry.

Accordingly, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin):

That this House recommends to CBC president Al Johnson that he review the position of Mr. Don Baron as director of agricultural and resource programming and ensure that the CBC maintains a high standard of objective broadcasting in their agricultural and resource programming.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for discussion at this time can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.