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leaked information to the news media about their intention to visit him and if they wanted to go fishing in his office they would have to use their guns. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the House requests the Minister without Portfolio to either furnish evidence that the RCMP was indeed responsible for the leak in question to the news media or that he withdraw his additional accusation of yesterday and, finally, that the minister's further statement that he will contest any search warrant obtained by the RCMP and that in effect he will permit them to only make a limited form of examination of his office files, raises the perhaps totally unjustified implication that the minister has something to hide and therefore the House requests an immediate statement from the minister clarifying this situation.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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## FOOD PRICES

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON TRENDS IN FOOD PRICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to seek the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43 for a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. My motion is based on the statements made yesterday by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the President of Dominion Stores and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture referring to the need for a national food policy in this country because of indications that food prices will continue to rise notwithstanding the fact that prices to primary producers and farmers are declining. In view of the fact that the Special Committee on Trends in Food Prices in its final report concurred in by this House on January 11, 1974 recommended that the government give consideration to the advisability of establishing a comprehensive and realistic long-term food policy for Canada and that further the Food Prices Review Board in its report of June 1975 recommended such a policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard):

That this House direct the government to take immediate steps to implement the recommendations of the Special Committee on Trends in Food Prices as concurred in by the House on January 11, 1974.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED PROTEST TO UNITED STATES AGAINST BUILDING OF SUBMARINE AND MISSILE BASE AT BANGOR, WASHINGTON—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggett (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the announcement of construction recently of the Trident Nuclear submarine and missile base in Bangor, Washington, some 60 miles from the city of Victoria and the lower

[Mr. Cossitt.]

mainland of British Columbia, without consultation with the Canadian authorities, and in view of the recent declaration by the city of Vancouver of Trident concern week, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House direct the Secretary of State for External Affairs to make immediate representation to his United States counterpart and the President of the United States protesting this unnecessary escalation of the arms race and protesting increased risk inherent in this construction to Canadians in British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—REASON FOR DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF REGULATIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Why have the regulations under the government's so-called anti-inflation act not been tabled in the House, why are they not before the House, and why are they being held up until tomorrow in view of the fact the legislation was passed last week by both Houses and apparently the government has had time to prepare the regulations in pamphlet form so that they could fall into the hands of a journalist in Toronto? Why are these being delayed particularly in view of the obvious desire of the citizens to have the information in these regulations.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, it is so obviously in the public interest that we felt the regulations once promulgated should be printed and made available in sufficient quantities right across the country so that the people could have immediate access to them. Hence, while the regulations have been prepared, we are now taking steps to put them into place across the country so that after they are tabled in the House tomorrow they can be made available to the general public.

With regard to the journalist in Toronto, I do not know the specific basis for the reference, but my only comment is, if the hon. gentleman is referring to the CBC report this morning, it strikes me that the CBC may have read the white paper for the first time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baldwin: How about you reading it for a change?