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appear. I cannot help but wonder if one day we may see this as a question of privilege of quite another form when a member or members—and, of course, they could be considerable in number—indicate that because one member of this House has appeared before a Senate committee to comment on legislation that has been passed by this House, surely that ought to be a privilege or a right extended to all other members who hold different views. While that would be action outside this chamber, it might pose a thorny question about the rights and privileges of members of this House.

Finally, from our own members' point of view it would seem to me that in doing so, obviously members are putting themselves in a situation where they are inviting a breach of Standing Order 35 which prohibits comment or reflection upon decisions of this House by members of this House, and they are inviting potentially grave affronts to parliament: they are inviting breaches of the privileges of the House. In fact, it seems to me that great care is needed on the part of hon. members appearing before committees of the other place in order to avoid these pitfalls. I can perhaps summarize these sentiments by saying it is to be hoped that neither members of this chamber nor of the other place will want to see that practice greatly encouraged.

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[Translation]

PUBLIC SERVICE

SUGGESTED RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH POSTAL EMPLOYEES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

Considering that the federal government indicated last year that no layoff would result from the impact of technological changes on the postal system, and that, as reported in the press, 6,000 Toronto postal workers have just been laid off for the purpose of possibly crushing the strike of blue collar workers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House discuss this situation now, so that immediate corrective action may be taken to remedy this situation and create as soon as possible a climate truly favourable to meaningful bargaining in this area.

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.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[English]

IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY WHETHER MINISTER OF LABOUR INVOLVED IN ANY CASE OF ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO CANADA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek permission of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43 of urgent and pressing necessity, particularly in view of discussions in this House and elsewhere in recent days. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That the Minister of Manpower and Immigration be asked to tell this House whether the Minister of Labour, since becoming a member of parliament, has ever been involved with the illegal entry of an inadmissible person to Canada, whether any such case was ever investigated by the RCMP, whether the results of the investigation, if undertaken, were ever forwarded to his department and, if so, what action was taken.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY AGE FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS BE LOWERED TO 60—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very urgent matter.

Considering the many requests we receive from people between 60 and 65 years of age, asking that the old age security pension be extended to sixty-year-old persons, and considering that it is difficult for these people to earn an income by working, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House adopt, without debate because this matter is very well known, a motion asking the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) to introduce without delay a bill extending the old age security pension to sixty-year-old persons.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion of the hon. member. 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; therefore, the motion cannot be put.