

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 4, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

GRAIN

REPLACEMENT FOR STABILIZATION BILL—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The pressing and urgent necessity lies in the cash shortage facing farmers and the desperate need to establish stabilization and farm income support programs that are truly geared to the urgency of the present situation which has been particularly aggravated in western Canada by the refusal of the government to bring in acceptable legislation. If the House grants unanimous consent I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie):

That this House gives unanimous consent to the withdrawal of Bill C-244 concurrent with the introduction of a well balanced farm income support and stabilization measure free from the defects of Bill C-244 and including immediate distribution of the interim acreage payment of \$100 million, and the House leaders of the respective parties be instructed to make arrangements to facilitate forthwith the consideration of such measure.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Vegreville. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not and the motion cannot be put.

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TRADE

POSSIBLE U.S. EXCISE TAX ON AUTOMOBILES IMPORTED FROM CANADA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I will see if I can be a little more successful since some efforts have been made in advance to obtain unanimity. I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 which provides that in cases of urgent and pressing necessity a motion may be moved if unanimous consent is given. The matter of urgent and pressing necessity is the potential loss of millions of dollars in trade revenue and of jobs of thousands of Canadians employed in the automotive

industry. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Wellington (Mr. Hales), the following motion:

That this House urges the government to make it clear in the current discussions with officials of the United States that the excise tax proposal on automobiles approved yesterday by the United States Senate finance committee contravenes the Canada-U.S. automotive agreement and as such is unacceptable to the people of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion moved under Standing Order 43 which requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, I should like it recorded that the nays came from the Liberal side of the House.

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• (2:10 p.m.)

INDIAN ACT

AMENDMENT TO LOWER VOTING AGE TO 18 IN ELECTIONS ON RESERVES

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-272, to amend the Indian Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. member shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Foster: Mr. Speaker, this bill seeks to amend the Indian Act. The purpose is to lower the voting age to 18 years from the present 21 years of age in elections for the positions of chief and councillor of Indian bands so as to conform with the legal voting age in federal elections and the legal voting age in many of the provinces and to give young people in the age bracket of 18 to 21 years an opportunity to participate fully in the democratic process as it relates to elections on Indian reserves.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.