

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 5, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSAL TO STATION ELEMENTS OF SEARCH AND RESCUE GROUP IN NEWFOUNDLAND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. A 20-hour time lag before the search and rescue centre in Halifax reacted to the loss of a Canadian fisherman off western Newfoundland emphasizes again the lack of co-ordination between responsible elements of and weakness in Canada's effort to provide a rescue capability. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the Canadian citizen lost on Monday has still not been found. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House orders that elements of Canada's search and rescue group be deployed and stationed in the province of Newfoundland immediately, pending the report of the task force on search and rescue policy.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can only be presented to the House when there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACT

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO PERMIT COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN PENSIONS OF RETIRED MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND MOUNTED POLICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House urges the President of the Treasury Board to introduce at an early date the necessary amendments to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, so that retired Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel will have their pensions escalated annually in accordance with the rise in the cost of living, commencing in the year following the year of retirement, regardless of age, thus ending the discrimination that applies to many of such personnel.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Under Standing Order 43 the motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR STUDY ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce an urgent motion of pressing necessity.

Since the average cost of premiums for automobile insurance in Canada increased by 25 to 30 per cent last year and since they will go up by 45 per cent this year for an ordinary car and 100 per cent for a commercial vehicle, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette):

That this House immediately discuss the entire record of automobile and other insurance and shed light on the real operation costs of that business to protect Canadians who are already tackling other problems as a result of inflation.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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[English]

HEALTH

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF MEANS OF MAKING CANADA SELF-SUFFICIENT IN THE PRODUCTION OF VACCINES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that by its failure to create a national capability to produce enough A-swine influenza vaccine to meet our own needs the government has endangered the health of Canadians; and in view of the fact that the executive