

Social Security

That the House urge the Minister of National Health and Welfare to increase the old age security pension, the guaranteed income supplement and the spouse's allowance, so that they may reach at least the poverty line.

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.

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[English]

STATUS OF WOMEN

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FEMALE EMPLOYEES BY BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a motion under Standing Order 43. I would direct it particularly to the attention of the Minister of Justice who is responsible for the administration of the Bill on Human Rights and to the Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations who is also responsible for the status of women. I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House deplores the discrimination against women being practised by the British American Bank Note Company in its refusal to pay wages to its female employees equal to those it pays to its male employees, and this House calls on the Minister of Justice and the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women to make it known that if this practice is not corrected the federal government will have to cease doing business with the said company, it being the view of this House that our laws respecting discrimination against women must be upheld.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

SUGGESTION GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME BE INDEXED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that the inflation rate is constantly going up, to the great prejudice of low wage earners and the needy; considering as well that low wage earners, the unemployed and welfare recipients have no protection against rising inflation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

[Mr. Laprise.]

That this House urge the government and the Minister of National Health and Welfare to bring forth the annual guaranteed income program and that this income be indexed to the cost of living.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

TRADE

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY REPORTING OF CORPORATIONS AGREEING TO BOYCOTTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of the same order. The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Jamieson) on October 21, 1976 stated in this House that:

Canadian firms may decide nonetheless to agree to certain boycott clauses and forego Canadian government support for the projects concerned. All Canadian firms, however, whether they accept boycott clauses or not will be required to report all instances of their complying with boycott provisions. Information obtained from such reports will be made available to the public.

In view of the fact that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner) has stated outside the House that he has no plans to make such a list public and would not indicate how many companies the department has found signing contracts with boycott clauses, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That legislation be introduced prior to the Christmas adjournment which requires mandatory reporting of Canadian corporations which agree with Arab boycott clauses.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INFORMATION

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF GREEN PAPER ON FREEDOM OF ACCESS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Basford: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Peace River moved a motion without discussion with the House leader. There has not been that discussion and if it were moved again it would be agreed to by this side.