

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, September 16, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill S-20, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (Jury Service for Women), to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. MCGRATH—FAILURE OF "HANSARD" TO SHOW THAT THERE IS A MINISTER OF FISHERIES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to raise a question of privilege. My question of privilege deals with the failure of the government to carry out the provisions of clause 3, subclause 3, of Bill C-207, the government reorganization bill, which was passed by the House earlier in the session. This clause provides:

The Minister of the Environment is the Minister of Fisheries for Canada.

I might add that that provision was consequential upon an amendment put forward by myself and moved in the House when the bill was before us.

On Tuesday, September 14, I directed a question to the Minister of Fisheries concerning a conservation conference. This question is reported at page 7790 of *Hansard* and *Hansard* makes reference not to the Minister of Fisheries but to the Minister of the Environment. When I brought this to the attention of *Hansard*, I was advised that they must work from a list of the ministry provided by the government and that this list does not contain a Minister of Fisheries. I also note that the list of ministers appended to *Hansard* for yesterday, Wednesday, also omitted the title of Minister of Fisheries.

• (2:10 p.m.)

I realize that this may not appear to be an important point to some, but considering that it took quite a long debate to bring this very important and useful amendment about I believe there is a continuing need in Canada for a Minister of Fisheries to give this important industry the continuing attention that it so justly needs at this time. Consequently I feel that the list of the ministers supplied to *Hansard* is not complete as it does not contain the Minister of Fisheries. Therefore I suggest respectfully that, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 3, subclause 3, of Bill C-207, in the future *Hansard* should record that there is, by the law of this country, a Minister of Fisheries.

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. members will agree that the point raised by the hon. member for St. John's East is one of interest and importance. I have the impression that perhaps the point which he has raised is more a question of legal interpretation, although I am not sure. As I said, the matter is one of interest and I would like to look at it. In any event, at this point the hon. member has not thought it necessary to submit a motion for the consideration of the House and of the Chair. Therefore I will consider the matter as one which has been brought to my attention, look into it and communicate with the hon. member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT POLICIES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, under Standing Order 43, to present a motion which I believe should receive the immediate attention of the House of Commons. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch):

In view of the unprecedented combination of the highest number of unemployed on record for the month of August and the highest July-August price increase in ten years, this House expresses its want of confidence in the economic policies of the government.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members realize that under Standing Order 43 this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is some disagreement to the motion proposed by the hon. member and the motion cannot be put.

PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43. Because of the urgency and importance of the motion and the constructive suggestions contained in it I hope it will receive the unanimous support of all Canadian members of the House of Commons.

An hon. Member: What about the continentals?