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feed grain policy giving fair consideration to the rights of all producers, in all parts of Canada.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** As there is no unanimity, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

**GRAIN****SURVEY FIGURES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I also rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pertaining to the refusal of the minister responsible for the Wheat Board to disclose figures, when available, in the Canadian Wheat Board's current grain survey. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton):

That this House instructs the minister to forthwith direct the Canadian Wheat Board to make available the information in the grain survey undertaken by it and to make public that information as to grain supplies on hand at the present time of the survey.

• (1410)

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the item "Motions" on the agenda. My point of order is that this is the first opportunity available to the government and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), following the meetings he had yesterday with representatives of the Nishga Tribal Council and the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, to make a statement to the House about the government's position with regard to aboriginal rights. I rise on this point of order not only because it is the first opportunity but especially because there is public indication that the position of the government and the Prime Minister has definitely shifted on the question of aboriginal rights and specifically because a letter was addressed this morning by my leader, the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis)—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have some doubt whether this is a point of order. The hon. member might indicate how it is a point of order. It seems to be a question the hon. member might want to ask later.

**Mr. Howard:** I wish you would not have asked me to do that, Mr. Speaker. The point is that the Prime Minister has not taken this opportunity to disclose his feelings about

[Mr. Beaudoin.]

aboriginal rights to the House and the public, and I think that is shameful.

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**CANADA ELECTIONS ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ABSENTEE BALLOTING**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-140, to amend the Canada Elections Act (a form of absentee balloting).

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

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Speaker, there is a provision in the Canada Elections Act now whereby a resident in a rural polling division may vote by swearing in and being vouched for, even though his name may not appear on the voters' list. The purpose of this bill is to extend that provision to people ordinarily resident in urban polling divisions and also to permit a person to vote by using in effect an absentee ballot or swearing in within his own constituency.

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

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[Translation]

**VETERANS AFFAIRS****MOTION TO REFER REPORT OF JOINT STUDY GROUP ON BASIC RATE OF PENSION TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

On the order: Government notices of motions:

February 6, 1973—The Minister of Veterans Affairs moved:

That the report of the joint study group on basic rate of pensions, tabled January 31, 1973, be referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

[English]

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26****INDIAN AFFAIRS****ABORIGINAL RIGHTS**

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 26 to ask leave to move a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the question of aboriginal