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urgent and pressing necessity. Having regard to letters tabled yesterday by the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer) relating to his involvement in the APLQ affair and having regard for discrepancies regarding the date of the RCMP's reply to Lieutenant Colonel Cameron, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence):

That the documents tabled by the Minister of Supply and Services on July 5, 1977 be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**INCOME TAX ACT**

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO CLOSE CERTAIN LOOPHOLES—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion is prompted by the fact that the Department of National Revenue in information circular 76-4R under the sub-heading "Kickbacks, Bribes, etc." explains to businessmen how to turn a bribe into a tax write-off by obtaining a receipt and since this is another example of loopholes in our tax laws like the use of Section 18 of the Income Tax Act to write-off the costs of prostitution, I would like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Cossitt):

That this House direct the Minister of Finance and the Minister of National Revenue to take immediate steps to introduce new legislation to tighten up the loopholes in the Income Tax Act which allow write-offs on such questionable items as bribes and prostitution.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Presentation for debate of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**

SUGGESTION CAPE BRETON BENEFIT FROM  
DECENTRALIZATION POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the decentralization policy carried out by the government has been happily received in all regions of high unemployment and low average income, and in view of the fact that all five eastern provinces have profited from this program up till now except Nova Scotia and its most needy populous area, that is, Cape Breton County, and in view of the fact that the minister in charge has been saying that the

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language question in Quebec is preventing this now, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That heavily unemployed Cape Breton in Nova Scotia be now the recipient of such a decentralization policy.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** Oral Questions.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

**CONFEDERATION**

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH JOINT COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL  
UNITY

**Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I was impressed and intrigued by the Prime Minister's reference yesterday to the major role to be played by members of parliament in bringing Canadians together. In light of that endorsement of the major role of members of parliament given by the Prime Minister, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the government will agree to establish immediately a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons on national unity to recommend such constitutional, economic and social measures as will allow the federal system to respond fully to the needs of all Canadians?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, that question is presently before the House for debate. If and when it comes to a vote, we will make the position of the government known at that time.

**Mr. Clark:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I thought the Acting Prime Minister might be a little more slick in his reticence. I wonder if he might not come clean and tell the House of Commons whether the government of Canada intends to allow this parliament to become engaged in a continuing way in bringing together the people of this country and whether it is the intention of the government to establish the special joint committee that was referred to yesterday—yes or no?

**Mr. MacEachen:** The same answer, Mr. Speaker.

POSSIBILITY OF MEETING OF FIRST MINISTERS ON NATIONAL  
UNITY

**Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, there appears to be a reversion on the government side from the position where, yesterday, there was the prospect held out by the Prime Minister that we were somebodies again, to the