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VETERANS AFFAIRS

WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity I move, seconded by the hon. member for Algoma East (Mr. Foster):

That this House expresses its desire that the proposed increases to war veterans allowances be approved at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Speaker: The motion moved by the hon. member under Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Speaker: With the noise I am not sure whether there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I will ascertain again whether there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I believe there is unanimous consent, so the motion will be put. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Carried.

Motion agreed to.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

USE FOR RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LIBERALS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek permission of the House under Standing Order 43 to move a motion arising out of a recent international conference held in the city of Ottawa.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Cossitt: If hon. members opposite will be patient I will read the proposed motion.

Some hon. Members: No, no!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May we have order, please. There is noise coming from both sides of the House. In fairness, I think we should give an opportunity to the hon. member for Leeds to put his motion.

National Conference Centre

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I ask permission of the House to move, seconded by the hon. member for Frontenac-Lennox and Addington (Mr. Alkenbrack):

That the Prime Minister advise the House who gave permission for use of the national conference centre for the recent international gathering of Liberals, whether or not the public treasury will be reimbursed for such use by the Liberal Party of Canada and whether or not it is now government policy to allow use of the national conference centre to international political movements at the expense of the taxpayers of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. Prime Minister rises on a point of order.

Mr. Trudeau: It is a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. The House might be interested in knowing the answer to this, if it wants me to give the answer.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. Prime Minister has risen on a point of order. I am not sure whether the House would wish to hear him but, if so, he has the floor.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I rise to assuage the worries of the hon. member and to indicate that the Liberal Party of Canada is paying the expenses involved in the use of the centre. If the Tories ever want to do the same, I am sure they will be very welcome.

Mr. Bell: How about the second part of the question?

Mr. Cossitt: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, while I appreciate the Prime Minister clarifying the situation, would it not be in order for the Prime Minister to clarify whether the taxpayers of Canada have been reimbursed for his political flights all over the world on holidays and all over Canada to Liberal Party gatherings?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Sick!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May we have order, please.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. member please resume his seat. I ask hon. members for their co-operation. If hon. members want to spend the whole afternoon on alleged points of order and questions of privilege, I think that will not be conducive to any kind of constructive business. I appeal to hon. members to allow the Chair to call the next item of business. The hon. member rises on a question of privilege.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I will take about five seconds to say this.

An hon. Member: Sick, sick!

Mr. Cossitt: I think I have a legitimate question of privilege when members like the Solicitor General and the