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reasons; that alone thousands of Quebecers will have to foot the bill; finally, that the honour of Canada is at stake and that it would be unfair to leave Quebec alone to hold the bag whereas from the beginning the federal government has been supporting and favouring these games in Montreal, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert):

That the federal government take steps to organize a meeting with Montreal and Quebec officials to find a fair solution to the problem of the financing under conditions the government will find appropriate.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE
TOWARDS FORCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the very serious accusations made recently against one of the world's finest democratic police forces by the Minister without Portfolio, and from the fact that the Prime Minister has not seen fit to dissociate himself from these statements about the RCMP which stand unproven, and therefore slanderous. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Hurlburt):

That the Prime Minister advise the House forthwith whether the statements concerning the RCMP made by the Minister without Portfolio represent the attitude and policy of his government, or whether government policy is more accurately represented by the rebuking words spoken in this regard by the Solicitor General, and if the latter is the case, that the Prime Minister on behalf of the government forthwith apologize publicly to the RCMP and at the same time advise the House what date is already tentatively set for the appointment of the Minister without Portfolio to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville.

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SUGGESTED REVIEW OF SALARY OF CHAIRMAN—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a non-controversial motion under Standing Order 43. In view of the government's concern about breaking inflationary psychology in Canada and Anti-Inflation Board Chairman Jean-Luc Pepin's statement yesterday that the "board has deliberately taken a tough initial stand on wage

[Mr. La Salle.]

demands" and that "everyone has a bit of suffering to do", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instruct the Anti-Inflation Board to determine whether or not the \$54,000 salary of Mr. Pepin is in line with his own statements about individual suffering and rough justice.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

PROPOSED CREATION OF OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the passing of Bill C-73, the anti-inflation bill, by the House yesterday and the anticipated royal assent thereof in the very near future, and since this legislation vests unprecedented powers in the hands of the administrator and the Anti-Inflation Board affecting the rights of the ordinary citizen of our country, and having regard to the fact that prior to the introduction of Bill C-73, the size of the government bureaucracy had already attained such dimensions as to pose substantial problems of citizen's rights under government regulations and orders, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Fairweather):

That this House, in the interests of the civil rights of citizens of our country, direct this government to immediately introduce legislation creating the office of an ombudsman.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion cannot be put without unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF POLICY STATEMENT BY
CHAIRMAN—DATE OF PUBLICATION OF REGULATIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance arising out of the report this morning that the chairman of the Anti-Inflation Board said in Toronto that the board has deliberately taken a rough initial stand on wage matters and will later soften its approach. Will the minister explain what the chairman has in mind or is this just an indication, to borrow an eloquent phrase used by the chairman of the board, that it is simply an indication that the board is prematurely dying with its brains on.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the government has appointed the membership of