

S.O. 43

move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration be requested to reinstate Chile's status as a country of exception to ensure that no one will be deported from Canada in the face of the lack of human rights still prevailing in Chile.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[*Translation*]

PENSIONS

REQUEST GOVERNMENT NOT CONSIDER QUEBEC ANNUITIES AS INCOME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

Whereas Quebec annuities are pensions paid to senior citizens in the province of Quebec; whereas the contributions and the payments themselves are in no way related to the pension and the federal old age supplement; whereas when the plan was first set up, the annuities were not considered as income; whereas since this government has come to power those annuities have been decreed to be income, the federal government thus taking over 50 per cent of the Quebec annuity cheques reducing by as much their benefits from the federal pension supplement, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the government discontinue that practice of pumping Quebecers dry and come back to the initial act under which Quebec annuities were not considered as income with regard to the federal pension supplement.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43, presentation of this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[*English*]

AGRICULTURE

COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF MANNER OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GRAIN HOPPER CARS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgency.

[Mr. Brewin.]

In view of the fact that the Canadian Grain Commission is the policing body of the grain industry in western Canada and has evidenced its dissatisfaction with the Canadian Wheat Board's handling of hopper cars by setting up a hopper car committee, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the Minister of Agriculture immediately refer this whole matter to the Standing Committee on Agriculture with authorization to that committee to summon officials of the Canadian Grain Commission and the Canadian Wheat Board to appear as witnesses.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Alexander: The Liberals said no, as usual.

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BROADCASTING

CRITICISM OF PROPOSAL THAT FEE BE IMPOSED FOR TV VIEWING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ross Milne (Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of a number of Standing Order 43s raised recently in the House, I rise under the provisions of that Standing Order.

In view of statements reported this past weekend and the resulting fears of the Canadian public about their free access to television facilities, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Restigouche (Mr. Harquail):

That this House congratulates the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) for referring to the hon. member for Egmont's (Mr. MacDonald) idea of charging 25 cents to every Canadian for every television program watched as "the height in asininity" and recommends that this description be equally applied to the Tory idea of doubling cable—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[*English*]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON STATUS OF NATIONAL FOOD POLICY—MEASURES IMPLEMENTED

Mr. John Wise (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, if I could have the attention of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, I would like to direct a question to him. My question relates to the progress of the government's national food strategy or national food policy.

Is the minister satisfied with the progress to date with such a policy and such a strategy? If not, why not? If he is, would he give some indication as to what progress has been made and