

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, October 21, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO AID BASE METAL INDUSTRY—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the terms of Standing Order 43. The announcement by INCO metals company that at a time of record high unemployment in this country 4,000 workers will lose their jobs in Thompson, Manitoba, Port Colborne, Ontario and Sudbury, Ontario raises serious questions about Canada's industrial strategy, her future trade balance and the foresight of the Government of Canada. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence):

That, in the opinion of this House, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Minister of Finance should meet immediately with representatives of the Canadian base metal industry to discuss means by which jobs and export potential could be retained and report back to the House by way of a statement on motions to explain what action will be taken by the government to repair the damage caused by its scandalous negligence of the industry and its workers.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR STOCKPILING NICKEL—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, it is with anger tinged with sadness that I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of very urgent and pressing necessity. I seek the unanimous consent of all hon. members of this House.

In view of the fact that yesterday, the day on which the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) announced his bootleg budget which is supposed to stimulate job creation by the private sector, INCO announced its Christmas gift to the Sudbury Basin in the form of 2,800 lost jobs, and in view of

the fact that these lost jobs will cost the federal treasury in excess of \$30 million, not counting the loss in human terms to the many young families which will be affected, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House instruct the government of Canada immediately to set up a program of stockpiling nickel and copper in the same fashion as wheat, butter, uranium and gold have been stockpiled in the past to save both communities and workers from disaster until such time as world markets improve.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be done 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]

BILINGUALISM

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT NOT AID THOSE CHALLENGING
LEGALITY OF QUEBEC'S BILL 101—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move an important motion of pressing necessity.

Considering that the Prime Minister has announced that some assistance would be forthcoming to Quebec or Canadian citizens who wish to bring their grievances before a court in connection with Bill 101 establishing French as the only official language in Quebec; considering that this concrete assistance would be paid out of public funds by all taxpayers of the country; considering that this financial help of the Canadian government means that Quebec citizens who are mostly in favour of that legislation would pay out of their pockets their own prosecution; considering also the preposterousness of such an unjust and ambiguous situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the Prime Minister and the government forgo any financial or other contribution to help the citizens or groups of citizens who decide to bring before the courts their dispute about Bill 101 duly passed by the Quebec National Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.