

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 11, 1979

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

FISHERIES

COMMITTEE STUDY OF CODFISH QUOTAS IN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Herb Breau (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of urgent necessity.

In view of the unfortunate decision of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. McGrath) to increase codfish quotas in the 4T and 4VN areas of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and to allow boats of 100 feet and over to fish 6,000 metric tons of cod, which will have disastrous consequences for inshore fishermen and those who depend on the fisheries of the Gulf for their survival, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Cyr):

That the committee on fisheries and forestry be set up at once and that the House refer the matter to the committee so that the minister may explain his decision which favours the companies at the expense of the independent fishermen and that the fishermen of the Gulf may show to the committee the effects of that irresponsible decision.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a 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]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Monique Bégin (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. Since Canadians, particularly those 2.7 million living under the poverty level, are worried and concerned by

the many contradictory statements recently made by ministers on cuts and selectivity in pensions, family allowances, Unemployment Insurance Commission and social services, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Westmorland-Kent (Mr. LeBlanc):

That the House requests the Prime Minister to table without delay the terms of reference and the members of his planned royal commission which is purported to reduce federal payments under medicare and CAP, in order that Canadians in this vulnerable sector of our community may have their very real fears allayed.

Mr. Speaker: 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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● (1110)

VETERANS AFFAIRS

CALL FOR LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE PRORATA PENSIONS FOR CERTAIN WIDOWS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I present this motion under Standing Order 43 believing that it expresses the opinion of every member of this House. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose):

That this House welcomes the assurance that legislation respecting veterans will be introduced at this session, and calls on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to introduce forthwith an amendment to the Pension Act to provide prorata pensions for widows where the rate of the veteran's disability pension was below 48 per cent, it being understood that such a measure would be dealt with very quickly by this House.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.