

*Request for Assistance to Western Farmers*  
offered and then decide where to go from there.

**Mr. Speaker:** Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the minister, is it agreed that notice of motion No. 257 shall be deemed to have been adopted?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before calling oral questions, I would like to suggest to the house that we be allowed to return to motions. The hon. member for Lotbinière indicated by letter that he proposes to make a motion. Unfortunately we are moving with such speed and expeditiousness today—

[*Translation*]

—we have forgotten or lost the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) en route. Therefore, we revert to motions to allow him to propose his motion.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### AGRICULTURE

MILK—REQUEST TO PRESENT MOTION THAT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE STUDY HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CANADIAN DAIRY COMMISSION POLICY

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 43, I am asking the unanimous consent of the house to move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin), the following motion:

That the standing committee on agriculture be immediately requested to inquire into the extremely harmful effects suffered by the milk producers of the Province of Quebec, in respect of deliveries above their quota set by the Canadian Dairy Commission, on which the withholding rate of 52 cents per cwt. of milk constitutes an unbearable penalty.

Mr. Speaker, without taking needlessly the time of the house and delaying its business, even if very often Créditistes are ahead, I should like to ask for the consent of my hon. colleagues in order to bring this question before the house, so that the hon. members from the province of Quebec will have the opportunity to bring forth the problems facing their constituents at the present time and the government to make known its policy with regard to the dairy industry.

Mr. Speaker, there is a serious problem. Dairy producers are penalized; they are taxed [Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

52 cents per cwt. for milk for which they are not paid. Such a tax drives most of those producers to bankruptcy, as can be seen in the *Canada Gazette*.

• (2:20 p.m.)

I conclude my comments on this matter by expressing the hope that my colleagues from the province of Quebec, realizing the importance of the situation, will co-operate and try to bring their colleagues to give their unanimous consent so that the dairy producers of Quebec may be protected.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has moved a motion under Standing Order 43 for which unanimous consent is required.

[*English*]

I therefore ask the house whether there is unanimous agreement to consider the problem referred to by the hon. member for Lotbinière.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to advise the hon. member that among the comments which have just been made, I have heard some negative ones and, under the circumstances, it will be impossible to proceed under Standing Order 43.

[*English*]

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

### AGRICULTURE

REPRESENTATIONS BY CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE RESPECTING ASSISTANCE TO WESTERN FARMERS—REQUEST FOR DEBATE

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance, in view of the urgency of the telegram sent to the minister and four of his colleagues today by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which referred to the disastrous income losses being suffered by western farmers and called for immediate and substantial action to be taken by the federal government by way of providing cash assistance, whether he would tell the house what reply is being given to the urgent representations made to the government in this telegram?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, apparently the Leader of the