

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 27, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HEALTH

SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM DISEASED MEAT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of evidence that has recently come to light that thousands of pounds of tainted meat from Quebec have been sold in Ontario over the past three years, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That this House call upon the Minister of National Health and Welfare to institute an immediate and efficient inspection and information program throughout Canada to protect Canadians from diseased meat.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MANPOWER

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF LACK OF PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BEFORE LISTING A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EMPLOYER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43, having to do with the lack of checks or precautions taken by student manpower offices before listing a prospective student employer. This can result in students working for fraudulent businesses, getting paid no wages, and missing their opportunity for legitimate summer employment, as was the case recently in Winnipeg. I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That the House direct the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to investigate the circumstances that allowed Mr. Paul Evans of Florida to register a non-existent company as a prospective employer and to be sent 12 innocent students by Manpower to inadvertently assist him in perpetrating a fraud.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be debated

without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

PROPOSED GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to bring forward an extremely urgent motion requiring immediate attention.

Mr. Robert A. McNair, chairman of the Canadian Association of Food Product Manufacturers, has stated that Canadian workers are now receiving better wages than those in the USA for the same type of work, even if our productivity is lower, and that if such a trend persists, the prices of our products will rapidly be higher than those of our competitors. Considering that wage increases are automatically reflected in the prices of products and that such an escalation settles nothing, considering also that it is important to increase the purchasing power of individuals so that they may buy part of our abundant production, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne):

That this House study as early as possible means to establish a universal system of guaranteed annual income that would be paid each and everyone so as to increase individual purchasing power without increasing the prices of products. Such action would put an end to the devastating effects of inflation.

Mr. Speaker: Under Standing Order 43, such a motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is such consent granted?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent, so the motion cannot be put.

● (1410)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of