

Boxcar Controller

yesterday, April 9, in response to an inquiry from the government.

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MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION**ADVERTISING CONTRACTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask unanimous consent of the House to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 arising out of one of the methods used by the government in spending public funds. The motion is self-explanatory. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That in view of the answer to an order paper question on April 8 by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that his department awarded \$1.7 million in advertising contracts to Vickers-Benson Limited in 1973 without calling tenders or competitive presentations, this House requests the minister to cease authorizing expenditure of public funds for advertising purposes in future without first obtaining tenders or competitive presentations.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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TRANSPORT**PROVISION OF BOXCAR CONTROLLER—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity and of particular concern to prairie farmers.

On March 14, 1974, in reply to my request to the government to bring in legislation to provide a boxcar controller with power to direct the rail companies to allocate boxcars, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marchand) said, "I should like to have the reaction of my colleagues to the concept, which I am inclined to support entirely." Yesterday in the House the minister reversed himself and denied such a statement, saying in reply to a question that the member for Prince Albert "never asked me to bring in a piece of legislation; he asked me if this co-ordinator would have certain powers and I answered no".

As Canada's wheat markets are being lost because of failure to deliver—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Diefenbaker: —in accordance with contractual obligations—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May we have order, please.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I therefore move—

[Mr. Sharp.]

Mr. Speaker: I hesitate, of course, to interrupt the right hon. member but I am sure he appreciates that under Standing Order 43 a speech should not be made. Under the Standing Order a motion is suggested for consideration by the House, without lengthy explanations. I would hope the right hon. gentleman would come to the motion.

Mr. Trudeau: Get your information right.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I never make speeches when I raise motions, but I have to give the information to this government that has shown such a contempt for the facts. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher):

That this House condemns the government for its failure to bring before parliament legislation to provide for the appointment of such a controller possessing the power above mentioned and, on failure of the railroad companies to carry out such orders, that heavy penalties be imposed.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of the Standing Order the motion requires unanimous consent? Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Denied by the Liberal members again. Western farmers will remember.

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GRAIN**FED GRAINS MARKETING POLICY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the open letter from the Progressive Conservative party to the Prime Minister calling for the implementation of the Minister of Justice's feed grains policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Nesdoly):

That this House calls upon the Prime Minister to reject the policy of placing feed grains on the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange, an action that would destroy the Canadian Wheat Board as an effective bargaining agent for western producers.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.