

*Energy***AGRICULTURE****SUGGESTED NEED FOR IMMEDIATE AID TO BEEF PRODUCERS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The urgency of my motion arises from the hardships faced by beef producers in this country which are forcing them out of business, and from the fact that the prairie governments have had to announce assistance programs of their own in the last few days in order to keep these producers in business. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That this House requests the Minister of Agriculture to announce forthwith a program to provide immediate assistance to beef producers.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion proposed under Standing Order 43 requiring unanimous consent of the House for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be proceeded with at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[Translation]

ENERGY**SUGGESTED CONTINUATION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO CONSERVE ENERGY**

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 26(2).

Since our economy is eroded by inflation which we are trying to fight by all possible means, I consider that to cope with that unfortunate situation while living under the sun as during the Second World War and while saving millions of barrels of oil to say nothing of electricity and since the experience of our southern neighbours was conclusive as 2½ per cent of energy was saved, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House adjourn its proceedings to discuss a matter of urgent necessity, to wit: the passage of a measure to maintain the Daylight Saving Time and that it take the necessary steps to that effect.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Rimouski gave the Chair the required notice thus enabling the Chair to study the motion carefully.

There is not doubt that the problem brought forward in the motion, that is, inflation, as well as the conservation of energy, is important. On the other hand, the problem itself and the suggestion of the hon. member for Rimouski have already been discussed repeatedly in the House before. I therefore feel the matter is not urgent. The Chair is aware that Daylight Saving Time will be discontinued at the end of the month, but as this happens every year it does not

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constitute a matter of pressing necessity as standing orders require.

There are two other difficulties as well. First of all, I have doubts on the matter of jurisdiction. Second, the program of the House has already allowed the hon. member to bring up his suggestion, that is during the debate on the Speech from the Throne; in fact he will also have a chance to do so later on, that is in the last three days of next week.

I therefore regret having to advise the hon. member that the Chair feels that it cannot accept his motion under Standing Order 26.

Mr. Allard: Mr. Speaker, while respecting your decision, I still want to point out to the House how important it is for our country to maintain Daylight Saving Time throughout the year. I suggest the government should introduce legislation to that effect: we will support it eagerly.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NATURE OF CANADIAN PROPOSALS TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister which arises out of his indication in the House the day before yesterday, I think it was, that his government has submitted an aide memoire to the European Economic Community containing proposals to the community. I wonder whether the right hon. gentleman would table the aide memoire, or if the aide memoire is considered to be confidential, whether he would indicate to the House the general nature of these proposals and the form of association with the European Economic Community that the government is proposing. I ask this question in view of the possibly far-reaching consequences of this matter to the people of this country.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is something in the aide memoire which is a negotiating position of the Canadian government vis-à-vis the community. I am not certain without reflecting further on the suggestion whether it would help or hinder the negotiating position of the Canadian government, but I will gladly look into the suggestion and if no possible disadvantage can come to Canada from making the aide memoire public I will discuss the matter with my colleague the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister indicate the general nature of the proposals that are being put forward? As I understand it, the matter is urgent in the sense that the Prime Minister is going to hold discussions. Is the country to be faced with a fait accompli of far-reaching consequences, or are these relatively routine proposals that we can safely leave