Thursday, November 22, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

[English]

TREASURY BOARD

RESEARCH GRANT TO DE HAVILLAND-MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I move, seconded by the hon, member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis):

That the President of the Treasury Board be directed to end the delay in considering the \$2 million research grant which has been recommended for de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and that the grant be authorized so that this important company can carry on its research and development of the Dash-8.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon, Members: No.

FINANCE

THE BUDGET—CALL FOR IMPROVED PENSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae). I move:

That this House notes that the Minister of Finance intends to present a budget on December 11, and calls on the minister to include in that budget provision for a substantial increase in the amount paid to our old age pensioners so that they can cope with the high costs now confronting them, instead of just being told to endure and this House also calls on the Minister of Finance to make budgetary provision for pension equality between men and women so that older women, regardless of marital status, may enjoy adequate pensions and a dignified standard of living.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can be introduced at this time. pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

REQUEST GOVERNMENT AMEND REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS-MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jacques Olivier (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that the Minister of Labour (Mr. Alexander) announced on November 15, at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration, that he intends to introduce a bill to set up a committee responsible for settling disputes in the public and private sectors, that such a committee will have practically no power and will be a source of annoyance, that under its terms of reference it will study the economic consequences of a strike, but will not consider the reasons which have motivated the strike-which is strongly prejudicial to the workers-that the bill setting up the committee does not contain a definition of "essential services", which can lead to abuses; and that the 20-day waiting period, which is supposed to set minds at rest, but might, indeed provoke them, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Chambly (Mr. Dupont):

That the Minister of Labour withdraw his bill to set up such a committee and, instead, concentrate all his efforts on removing potential hazards at places of work, on improving the quality of life at work, and on discovering the causes of labour conflicts in Canada, those aims having priority and deserving more attention than a committee for the settlement of disputes in the public and private sectors.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to 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.