

Old Age Security Act

FINANCE

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF REASONS CANADIANS
INVESTING IN UNITED STATES REAL ESTATE—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion is prompted by the alarming amount of money which is leaving Canada through Canadian investment in United States real estate, which has gone from \$300 million in 1972 to a high of \$2.5 billion this year, to the point where Canadian investors own 30 per cent of the major apartment complexes in Seattle, Washington and Canadian firms have developed 17 major complexes in United States cities. Since this mass exodus of money into United States real estate is due to relatively poor political and economic times in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House instruct the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs to conduct an immediate investigation into the amount of money leaving Canada by way of Canadian investment in United States real estate, and to bring forth recommendations on how this trend can be reversed.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
PERSONS OF SINGLE STATUS BETWEEN AGES OF 60 AND 65—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, because I believe the time has come for this motion to be accepted, I ask leave to move it, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas). I therefore move:

That this House urges the government to introduce without further delay an amendment to the Old Age Security Act to end the discrimination therein against persons of single status between the ages of 60 and 65 by providing for the equivalent of the spouse's allowance to be paid as well to widows, spinsters, widowers, and bachelors between the ages of 60 and 65, provided they are out of the labour market.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of any such motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Paproski.]

METRIC CONVERSION

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent necessity. In view of the fact that this week a farmer from Salmo, British Columbia was denied the right to purchase grain from Purina Mills of Spokane, Washington, because the mill stated they deal only in bushels, not in kilograms, and in view of the fact that the farmer returned empty-handed as a result of this false impression created by the Metric Commission in the United States grain industry, and in view of the fact that inquiries by my office with a senior official responsible for metric conversion revealed a total ignorance of the subject, and that I was only enlightened by the provincial Department of Agriculture of British Columbia, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the government improve its information policies with its own officials and with the Metric Commission and with U.S. grain handling officials, or withdraw Bill C-23 so that farmers will not be denied vital grain supplies as a result of information failures.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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SPORTS

SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF POLICY OF FITNESS AND SPORT—
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State responsible for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Considering that last September the government appointed a minister responsible for amateur sport and physical fitness, that, consequently, the Canadian public could rightfully expect an overall and urgently needed physical fitness policy, that the minister has failed to submit positive ideas in this respect, being somewhat satisfied with administering the few millions of dollars which the Department of National Health and Welfare had already placed at her disposal and which are definitely inadequate, could the minister tell us, after holding this portfolio for nearly a year, whether she intends to develop, through legislation or otherwise, a credible national policy in line with the expectations of the Canadian public.