

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, February 11, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF PRESIDENT OF  
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF EUROPE, AND CANADIAN  
AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Before commencing today's proceedings, I have the honour and the pleasure to draw the attention of hon. members to the presence in our gallery of a most distinguished visitor with whom we had some very productive and, I think, very interesting discussions this morning about the future of interparliamentary relations between Canada and the Consultative Assembly of Europe. I refer, of course, to the president of that very important body, the distinguished Senator Guiseppe Vedovato, President of the Consultative Assembly of Europe.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** The warmth of the reception makes me sure that I speak on behalf of all hon. members in extending to Senator Vedovato very best wishes for his comfort and enjoyment while in Canada, as well as for the fruitfulness of the discussions we shall be carrying on throughout his week-long visit here.

Hon. members will also note that perhaps as an indication of our esteem for our relationship with this very important Consultative Assembly, the hon. senator is accompanied by someone who needs no introduction to the hon. members of this chamber. I welcome him not only as he would be welcomed in our midst as my predecessor, but I should like to give hon. members the opportunity to wish him well on his first official visit, since it is within his new responsibilities that our relationship with the Consultative Assembly falls. We therefore know it is in the very best of hands, because this matter is being taken care of by our Ambassador to Belgium, His Excellency the Hon. Lucien Lamoureux.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** Come back: we need you.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I quite properly refrained from adding the comment that there have already been occasions on which I might happily have changed places with His Excellency.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

● (1410)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Transport and Communications—Mr. McRae.

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### LABOUR CONDITIONS

GOVERNMENT ACTION TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT—  
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the unemployment figures released this morning, figures which reveal that the government has allowed unemployment in this country to reach the scandalous level of 817,000 persons, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That the Minister of Finance be instructed to appear immediately before the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs to give a detailed explanation of what actions, if any, he proposes to take to reduce unemployment in this country.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the proposed motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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

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[Translation]

### SOCIAL SECURITY

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF GUARANTEED ANNUAL  
INCOME—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss an urgent matter calling for immediate consideration.

Since inflation keeps on eroding the purchasing power of Canadian citizens, that all Canadians need a minimum