

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 15, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

EFFECT OF ALLEGED OVERSTATEMENT OF REVENUES ON
PROFIT POSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask unanimous consent—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: The latest convert is taking his seat!

Mr. Mazankowski: We can only hope that the hon. member will find similar support from the Liberal Association of Hochelaga.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Some of that applause came from your leader.

Mr. Mazankowski: I guess that's right and it did come from my leader. And I am very proud of him, too.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: A rat going to a sinking ship.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I seek the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the latest annual report of the CNR which states that Canadian National earned its first overall profit in 20 years in 1976, and in view of the allegation that CNR has made a miscalculation of more than \$20 million in the determination of its subsidies to be received from the Canadian Transport Commission under the provisions of the Railway Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Transport make a statement on motions to confirm and explain this discrepancy and, furthermore, to state what impact, if any, the over-calculation of revenues will have on the CNR's 1976 and 1977 revenue and profit status.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the motion requires the unanimous consent of the House before it can be presented. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE SITUATION OF WORKING
POOR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, as a matter of urgency I ask consent to move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House, noting the findings of the National Council of Welfare in two reports issued this month that over half a million Canadian families, including more than one and a half million persons, are trying to live on incomes from employment that are hundreds or thousands of dollars below the poverty line, and noting the Council's declaration that "the working poor have been ignored too long", calls on the government to introduce without further delay (a) a guaranteed annual income program, (b) other measures to meet the needs of the working poor, and (c) a substantial improvement in the Canada Pension Plan to guarantee to every worker a secure retirement, as urgently recommended by the National Council of Welfare.

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Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the presentation for debate of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF REPORT OF ONTARIO
COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Today the Ontario royal commission on violence in the communications industry released its findings, the principal one being that there was, according to the commissioner, a direct link between the increase in violent crime on the streets and violence on television. In view of the fact that most of the recommendations of the commissioner are addressed to the government of Canada and are in fact within federal jurisdiction, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan):