

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY OF THE HOUSE
CONSIDER DIFFERENCE IN LAND VALUES BETWEEN
PICKERING AND STE SCHOLASTIQUE—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss an important matter.

In view of the fact that \$300 million have been provided for the expropriation of 18,000 acres of land for the development of the Pickering airport, while only \$125 million have been provided for the purchase of 88,000 acres of land at Sainte-Scholastique, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau):

That a special committee of the House be appointed to consider that enormous difference in the assessment of the purchasing cost of lands at Pickering and at Sainte-Scholastique.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I suggest to the hon. member for Lotbinière that in moving a motion just introduced by another hon. member, he does not comply with Standing Order 43. I have already asked the House whether or not there was unanimous consent.

The House has indicated its refusal to give unanimous consent and it is in that sense that I believe it unfair that hon. members ask the Chair to put the same motion again.

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY OF DIFFERENCE IN
RENTS BETWEEN PICKERING AND STE SCHOLASTIQUE—
APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE SUGGESTED—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, although I take your comments into consideration, I would like in turn to move, pursuant to Standing Order 43, that since a yearly rent of \$2,000 is being charged to the former owners of Sainte-Scholastique as against the yearly rent of \$1 plus taxes being charged to the former owners of Pickering, Ontario, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau):

That a special committee of the House be appointed to consider that matter of the difference in the assessment of rents in Sainte-Scholastique as compared with those at Pickering.

Mr. Speaker: I must point out to the hon. member that there is here a clear case of abuse of the Standing Orders of the House and that this motion will not be put to the House.

Mr. Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Charlevoix (Mr. Caouette) rises on a question of privilege.

Mr. Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, since it is unfair to present motions one after the other under Standing Order 43 concerning the Pickering problem, may I point out to this House that the way the people of Sainte-Scholastique are treated is also unfair?

Oral Questions

[English]

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
CENTRE

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1972-73

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table in both official languages the annual report for 1972-73 of the International Development Research Centre.

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[Translation]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1972

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I am pleased to table two copies in both official languages of the Annual Report of the Canadian National Railways Securities Trust for the calendar year 1972.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO CONTROL
RETAIL PRICES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister concerning the shocking 2.3 per cent increase in the wholesale price index, an increase which will no doubt be reflected in due course in retail prices. Does the Prime Minister now propose to institute any direct and comprehensive measures to hold the line on retail prices? I ask this question in view of the fact that the subsidization program announced by the Prime Minister on Tuesday did not contain any such measures, and in view of the emphasis which the right hon. gentleman places upon the importance of timing.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The figures referred to by the Leader of the Opposition obviously reflect a situation which existed a month or so ago, and it is because the government was aware of this situation and conscious of the hardship being caused to the Canadian people that we have taken the double series of measures which I have had occasion to announce in and outside the House.

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FOOD PRICES

BREAD—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT ASSURANCE FROM
BAKERS OF NO FURTHER PRICE INCREASE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): The answer being "no", I should like to ask the Prime