

That the Minister of Labour be asked to make immediate contact with the Canadian Air Line Employees Association, so that misunderstandings concerning the dispute between Air Canada and its Finance Branch Employees at Winnipeg can be clarified and so that his officials can really go to work on the resolving of this dispute without further delay.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion. It being proposed 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.

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[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

MR. BEAUDOIN—PARKING PROBLEM ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of our Standing Orders, I rise on a question of privilege.

On Saturday February 15 last, at seven o'clock, I had, at my private residence at Bromptonville, the visit of a representative of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who handed me a document summoning me to appear on March 3 before the Ottawa-Carleton district court, as a result of the ticket I got for having parked my car illegally a few feet away from the parking zone reserved for members of parliament and Commons staff; because the latter was filled up, I was forced to use a free space in the adjoining parking lot.

Considering that on February 5 last Your Honour sent a letter to the House leader of the Social Credit Party of Canada indicating that there is a severe parking problem on Parliament Hill;

Considering that, according to my information, 354 permits have been issued to people who do not work in the House of Commons, who are not members of parliament and who do not work either in the Confederation Building;

Considering that this situation is very prejudicial not only to the members but also to all staff members who work in the House of Commons;

Considering that the situation is urgent in that it has reached the stage where summonses are issued to appear in court;

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That the House of Commons set up a special committee composed of a representative of each party under the chairmanship of Your Honour to study immediately the acute problem of a shortage of parking space, and more specifically the case of the 354 parking permits issued to persons who have nothing to do with the House of Commons or its staff.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: May I say to the hon. member that I have already begun the process to which he refers in his motion, namely, the re-examination of the entire question he has raised about parking. I have asked for an initial report

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from the officials in charge. I have also indicated to the whips of the various parties that I hope to put before them a review document which would enable discussion within the caucus. I would hope, thereafter, to call together representatives of each caucus and representatives of the various parties interested in the problem. Hopefully, very soon we will be able to come together in a meaningful way to re-examine and perhaps review the entire procedures involved. That process is already underway. Perhaps the hon. member might accept that as something I have already initiated, and perhaps would be prepared at this moment to have me simply defer his motion on the subject rather than just not accepting it.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I should like to inform the House and Your Honour that the ticket received by my colleague from Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin) was not only unacceptable, but also drawn up in English only. Furthermore, the ticket inconvenienced a member of parliament on a weekend. It seems to me that in considering the question of privilege the Chair should assure the House that it will instruct those who give tickets to show respect for Parliament Hill and draw up the parking tickets in both official languages of our country.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) for having raised this very important matter.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity. In view of the announcement by General Motors today that some 2,800 production line workers will be laid-off, along with 2,300 workers in other related industries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That the government take immediate action to enact the policies presented to them by representatives of the United Automobile Workers some two weeks ago.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There being no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put at this time.