

privileges of members in the House I think it should be made in this form.

The testimony of Commissioner Higgitt of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police before the McDonald inquiry this morning raises matters, which affect the privileges of all members of the House. I would, therefore, move:

That the Prime Minister make an immediate statement on motions explaining the direct contradiction between the sworn testimony of the commissioner and previous statements made by himself and his ministers in this House, and that the Prime Minister table all written policy documents relating to this matter and referred to by the commissioner this morning.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation 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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POST OFFICE

NEGOTIATION OF LABOUR DISPUTE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to ask the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that an impasse has been reached between CUPW and the federal government which is without foreseeable resolution, and in view of the fact that this impasse has resulted in defiance of the law by 23,000 Canadian citizens who have reason to believe that this government is out to destroy their union, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instructs the Prime Minister to insert himself into the dispute directly by calling both parties together, without preconditions, to negotiate a solution to the outstanding differences between CUPW and the Post Office.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ACTION TO END ILLEGAL STRIKE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is still defying the will of Canadians as expressed by parliament, and whereas the irresponsible leadership is continuing to advise its members to defy the law of the land, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Douglas):

That the government act forthwith to decertify the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and that all the members of the national executive of that union who

have counselled sedition be charged with that crime and fired from the public payroll.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation 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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FINANCE

PAYMENTS TO PROVINCES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and distressing necessity.

In light of the fact that the hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert), who has been appointed a parliamentary secretary and, therefore, occasionally answers for government policy in the House, yesterday moved a motion directing the government to discontinue federal transfer payments to the provinces for health, welfare and social services, payments which are the very linchpin of confederation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That the House direct the Minister of Finance to make a statement on motions as to whether or not the motion by the parliamentary secretary is government policy, and whether or not the government condones such irresponsible action by a parliamentary secretary.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In my view, the question period should continue until 15 minutes after three o'clock.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the question period, may I ask all hon. members to join me in recognizing the presence in our gallery of two very distinguished visitors in the persons of Mr. Giovanni Miglinolo of the department of foreign affairs in Italy, and Mr. Norbert Préfontaine, assistant deputy minister, intergovernmental and international affairs branch, department of national health and welfare. They are here to sign a treaty with Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!