

*Oral Questions*

move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the House ask the Minister of Agriculture to authorize the review board on beef marketing to advise without delay about the means it recommends to do justice to those producers.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent; therefore the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

**OLYMPIC GAMES**

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT ON FEDERAL FUNDING OF GAMES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of repeated examples of the incompetence of the co-ordinating committee for the 1976 Olympics with respect to the handling of financial arrangements for the games, and in view of COJO's most recent blunder, this time relating to discriminatory hiring practices for hostesses for the Olympic games, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instruct the government to table immediately a report on all funding presently being provided by the federal government to the 1976 Olympic Games, whether under existing government programs or by special arrangement, and that in addition the government table a copy of all correspondence between itself and the Quebec government, COJO or the city of Montreal concerning any additional funding or guarantees which may be made available at some future date.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

**POST OFFICE**

STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON BACK TO WORK LEGISLATION—EFFECT OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. He has had a further weekend to reflect on the Post Office situa-

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

tion, and I would like to ask him whether he and his government are now prepared to put before the House a measure to assure the resumption of postal service and also to provide a further period of negotiations.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No. Mr. Speaker. When the Postmaster General was warning the postal unions that this strike might last a long while, he was speaking on behalf of the government.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Recognizing the emphasis the government has placed upon the importance of free collective bargaining, would the Prime Minister not agree that in adopting his incomes policy, the government has already placed a very substantial reduction on the scope of collective bargaining? Particularly in view of this, is the government not now prepared to consider the great public inconvenience and hardship which is being suffered by the people of Canada through the apparent desire of the Prime Minister and the Postmaster General to let things run their course, come hell or high water and regardless of what may happen to the people of this country?

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

**Mr. Trudeau:** The premise of the question is based on the prices and incomes control measures, and on previous occasions I told the House that these measures by themselves were not meant to remove the right of collective bargaining.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Is the Prime Minister agreeing that this does remove the right of collective bargaining? Does the Prime Minister not agree that these compulsory guidelines, where they apply, of necessity limit the scope of collective bargaining and therefore make a mockery of continuing a long standing and long continuing interruption of an important service to the Canadian public in the name of free collective bargaining, which does not exist under these controls?

**Mr. Trudeau:** No, Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I cannot agree with that. The House has heard the Postmaster General and government spokesmen indicate that unions and management should bargain as best they can and adhere to the guidelines, and if there is some doubt in their application, it would be up to the Anti-Inflation Board to intervene after the fact. We still think that collective bargaining should go on in this country, and that unions and employers should take the responsibility of reaching the best possible agreement under the new guidelines.

STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—SUGGESTION LEGISLATION BE PASSED REQUIRING SUPERVISED VOTE ON GOVERNMENT OFFER

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. In view of the refusal of the union leaders to put the government's offer to the membership, is the government prepared to pass special legislation under which a government supervised vote will be conducted to determine whether the rank and file union members really are against accepting the government offer? Does not the public interest and