

*Unemployment*

[English]

## STARRED QUESTION

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 1,073?

[Text]

\*PAYMENTS MADE TO GRAIN STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

Question No. 1,073—**Mr. Towers:**

As of this date, how many payments have been made into the Grain Stabilization Account and, in each case (a) on what date (b) in what amount?

[English]

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, in so far as the Canadian Wheat Board is concerned: (a) As of November 17, no payments had been made into the grain stabilization account. (b) a payment was made November 18 of \$29,664,329.20.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

## LABOUR CONDITIONS

INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes) to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the revelation that since the House last sat, unemployment has risen to 7.5 per cent, the announcement of further forecasts that unemployment throughout 1977 will remain at the highest level since the Second World War, and that related to these two points, the government has not announced, since the House last sat, any new job creation programs—and I include answers in the House this afternoon—or its intention to do so in the near future.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) gave the Chair notice of his intention to propose this motion pursuant to Standing Order 26, and accordingly the Chair was given an opportunity to reflect on the propriety of the subject matter with respect to the terms of not only the language of Standing Order 26 but also its clear application in respect of the precedents of the House. In that regard I refer the House to two previous rulings, one on June 12, 1973, when my distinguished predecessor, in respect to a

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proposed motion pursuant to Standing Order 26 dealing with regional unemployment and national inflation, had this to say:

Putting aside for the moment that the proposed request may be contrary to that section of the Standing Order which prohibits the raising of more than one matter, the Chair has frequently stated in considering proposed motions to adjourn the House that the question that must be determined does not necessarily concern itself with the importance of the topic raised but rather with the requirement that the matter should be one that must be given urgent consideration under the Standing Order.

In considering that portion of the hon. member's proposition which deals with regional unemployment, I think it is fair for the Chair to say that while the topic is one which has been of concern to all members, it is also one of a continuing nature which, as such, does not seem to meet the requirements of Standing Order 26.

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On November 9, 1976 the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby put before this House a similar motion related to unemployment. At that time I had the following to say:

Certainly, that language would indicate that a matter such as unemployment or any other matter of national concern would fall into that category. However, the practice and precedents in the House have indicated that the primary consideration which should govern the decision of the Chair in reference to this Standing Order is not so much whether a matter is one of continuing concern but, specifically, whether it is of critical proportions and constitutes a crisis as opposed to being chronic. While the matter of unemployment can scarcely be brushed aside as not qualifying under the opening paragraph of Standing Order 26, I am sure hon. members would agree that it is a matter of continuing concern as opposed to one of crisis proportions.

Therefore, in respect of that rationale which was based on the very clear ruling of my predecessor, I would have to find that unemployment remains a matter of continuing concern, and that in the opinion of the Chair, the subject—which at least in terms of its continuing nature, although perhaps related to a particular event, may in the future qualify under the Standing Order in its continuing nature—is not a matter for debate under Standing Order 26.

Orders of the day.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

BROADCASTING OF HOUSE AND COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council)** moved:

That this House approves the radio and television broadcasting of its proceedings and of the proceedings of its committees on the basis of principles similar to those that govern the publication of the printed official reports of debates; and

That a special committee, consisting of Mr. Speaker and seven other members to be named at a later date, be appointed to supervise the implementation of this resolution.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.