

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, November 7, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF STRIKES DURING PERIOD
ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM IN EFFECT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise to propose a motion for immediate and serious consideration. Because of the fact that strikes and walkouts, particularly in essential services, continue to have an adverse effect on our economy, and as a result are a major factor in the continuing escalation of inflation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Reynolds):

That this House instruct the government to incorporate into its anti-inflationary legislative program an immediate back-to-work rule for any striking groups or individuals within the essential services of our economy, and at the same time prohibit any further strikes or walkouts in the essential services for the duration of the controls period.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ACTION ON PROGRAM TO AID NATIVES MOVING
TO URBAN AREAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the many serious problems facing the thousands of Indian and Metis people who are now moving into our large cities, and in view of the fact that in 1972 the then Secretary of State, Mr. Gerard Pelletier, committed the government to a five-year program of \$25 million for migrating native people, and in view of the fact that a large part of this program has not yet been delivered, including \$11½ million allocated for administration projects, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House urge the government to act on this matter without delay.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

SUGGESTION PRIME MINISTER ACCOUNT FOR FACT
STANDARD OF LIVING IN CANADA HAS DETERIORATED—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of a report by the prestigious Conference Board of Canada that in 1968 when the Prime Minister first assumed office Canada had the second highest standard of living in the world, and that in 1975 Canada had slipped to eighth position and the prediction that by 1985 Canada will have become seventeenth in the world in this regard, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That the Prime Minister, at the earliest opportunity in the House and while he is on his current tour explaining why he reversed his 1974 position on controls, give an accounting to the Canadian people of the circumstances involving his presiding over our country's steadily eroding position and the basis for this lamentable state of affairs, and whether or not he is prepared as our Prime Minister to accept any of the responsibility.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: 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

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday of this week the Prime Minister said in the House that the apparent success of the Postmaster General would hopefully relieve parliament of the responsibility of acting to end the Post Office shutdown. Since there is no prompt