

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 16, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### GRAIN

#### SUGGESTED DEFERRAL FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES OF INTERIM PAYMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the announced objective of the Canadian Wheat Board to encourage producers to deliver grain to elevators as soon as possible this fall, in view of the announcement by the Canadian Wheat Board of an intended interim payment of \$1.50 per bushel, and in view of the fact that it appears that the interim payment will not be subject to the same rules of tax deferral as in the case of an initial payment, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton):

That this House direct the government to take the necessary steps to have the interim payment on grain, anticipated next month, put into the same category as the initial payment for tax deferral purposes, so that farmers delivering grain as requested by the Canadian Wheat Board will not be adversely affected from an income tax point of view.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### HOUSING

#### SUGGESTED REDUCTION OF MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion dealing with an urgent and important issue.

Since it is urgent to give a new impetus to housing to eradicate unemployment and meet public needs and since we also have to increase at all costs our productivity and that the duty of any government is to make the life of the people as easy as possible, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House take the necessary means to reduce immediately the interest rates on mortgages in accordance with the recommendations of the white paper on control over inflation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43 this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such a consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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

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[English]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### COMPILING OF MEMOIRS OF CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER BY STAFF IN LONDON—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 arising out of the low morale in the Department of External Affairs, and in this case pertaining particularly to the shocking state of the Canadian High Commission in London, England. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs advise the House of the number of persons on the staff of the Canadian High Commission in London, England who have at various times been involved with assisting the High Commissioner, the Hon. Paul Martin, in compiling his political memoirs at public expense, and specifically whether this total includes six persons, and further that the minister advise the House why it has now been necessary or justifiable to assign three permanent secretaries to Mr. Martin to devote almost full time toward compiling his political memoirs at public expense.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.