

Agriculture

That this House commends the West German government for the courageous handling of this week's hijacking and expresses its deepest condolences to the family of the murdered pilot. Further, that this House calls for a positive response to the appeal by the International Federation of Airlines Pilots Association for renewed international efforts to eliminate air piracy and requests that the Canadian government take an immediate initiative to bring this matter before the United Nations.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The provisions of Standing Order 43 require that, to set aside the business of the day for the introduction and discussion of this motion, there must be unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ALLEGED INVITATION TO PREMIER LÉVESQUE TO ADDRESS
FRENCH ASSEMBLY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the report that an invitation has been sent to the premier of the province of Quebec to address the French National Assembly, an act which would constitute a provocative incursion by France into Canadian domestic affairs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls upon the government to investigate this report immediately and if confirmed, to formally protest this action with the government of France and request its withdrawal.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Jack Horner said "no".

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[Translation]

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REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR QUEBEC FLUID MILK
PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

In view of the dispute between the Canadian Dairy Commission and the Quebec Federation of Fluid Milk Producers which has delayed the payment of funds to fluid milk producers; considering that those milk producers are experiencing serious financial problems, those conditions giving rise to problems in the milling trade burdened with the credit; since the withholding of funds means that the producers have

[Mr. Mazankowski.]

become hostages pending the settlement of the constitutional dispute, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the House recommend that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) authorize the dispatch of funds to producers pending the judgment delivered by the courts on that constitutional issue.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I have taken a few moments to permit, at the usual time, the presentation of motions pursuant to Standing Order 43, but in the days that lie ahead of us I think hon. members will want to reflect on the fact that these days are to be devoted to the debate on the Speech from the Throne which traditionally, and clearly within our precedents and practices, means that, within reason, any subject is open for discussion. It is therefore difficult, within the language of Standing Order 43, to seriously consider an application to set aside that kind of debate to debate something else because there is no restriction on the subject that any hon. member can raise in participating in the throne speech debate. Therefore, in future days perhaps hon. members might want to be guided by that understanding in making applications to transfer one subject for another in the remaining days on the throne speech debate.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

FINANCE

IMPACT ON INFLATION OF DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Would he indicate to the House the inflationary impact of the devaluation of our dollar to date?

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[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, it is quite impossible to give an exact description of the inflationary impact of the devaluation of our dollar. Of course, it is one factor of the problem, but it is impossible to say exactly to what extent the devaluation of the Canadian dollar will influence inflation.