

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, January 24, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

PROPOSED REFERENCE OF VETERANS CANADA REPORT 1975-76  
TO COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The hardships caused to widows of deceased war veterans whose disability pensions were below 48 per cent and the fact that present legislation denies them a widow's pension require the immediate attention of the government. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That in order to deal with the matter the Veterans Canada Report for 1975-76 be immediately referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a 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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### HEALTH

SUGGESTED REFERENCE OF ALLEGATION OF ARSENIC  
POISONING IN YELLOWKNIFE TO COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 regarding a pressing and urgent matter, namely, that serious allegations have been made regarding a deliberate cover up by the Department of National Health and Welfare of the problems of arsenic poisoning around Yellowknife. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House immediately refer the problem of arsenic poisoning and its effects on the health and safety of the residents of Yellowknife to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

**Mr. Speaker:** The presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

[Translation]

### TRADE

SUGGESTED REDUCTION OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING  
IMPORTS—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 introduce a motion dealing with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since the textile industry is constantly deteriorating, which results in the dismissal of a considerable number of workers, and since this worsening problem particularly affects Quebec and Ontario, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House allow the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs to consider immediately the possibility of reducing textile and clothing import quotas as well as the effects which that measure could have on our grain exports.

**Mr. Speaker:** 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.

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

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[English]

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF EFFECT OF REMOVAL  
FROM SERVICE OF SHIPS OPERATING BETWEEN NORTH SYDNEY  
AND NEWFOUNDLAND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of extreme and urgent necessity relating to the drastic reduction in the employment of stevedores and others by Canadian National at North Sydney as a result of the removal by Canadian National of ships from service between the port of North Sydney and Newfoundland. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):