Income Tax

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION REPORT ON GARRISON DIVERSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the final recommendations of the International Joint Commission are now in the hands of the government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the subject matter of the International Joint Commission's recommendation regarding the Garrison diversion project be referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry in order that all members of this House have a meaningful input into the final position taken by the government of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion pursuant to the standing order requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

INCOME TAX

BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RETURNS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the terms of Standing Order 43. My motion arises from the disclosures today by Toronto broadcasters Charles Templeton and Pierre Berton that unauthorized individuals have been able to get their hands on confidential income tax returns of individuals. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House expresses its concern about the apparent ease with which confidential tax information on individuals can be obtained by unauthorized people and requests the Minister of National Revenue to make a statement in the House at the earliest opportunity today explaining how such a breach of confidentiality could have taken place and what steps will be taken by the government to protect the privacy of individuals.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF CLAYTON RUBY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of the same rule. In view of the report in the Wednesday, November 16 Globe and Mail that physical and electronic surveillance was placed by the RCMP on Mr. Clayton Ruby, a prominent Toronto civil rights lawyer and bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, for a period of two years and in view of the need to retain some vestige of solicitor-client privilege and the rule of law, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House requests the Solicitor General to conduct an immediate inquiry into these allegations and, if found to be correct, that appropriate charges be laid with regard to any wiretap violations or Criminal Code offences committed.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

FOOTWEAR—SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF MEASURES TO PROTECT CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

In view of the tremendous difficulties experienced by Canadian shoe manufacturers and following numerous representations made by spokesmen for the Canadian Manufacturers Association who, once more, spoke to me about massive footwear imports in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House urge the government to take immediate action to protect Canadian manufacturers against surplus footwear imports on the Canadian market.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. According to Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.