Indian Affairs

[English]

FOOD PRICES

PRESENTATION OF PETITION REQUESTING ACTION TO LOWER COSTS

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to present this House with a petition of some 10,000 names demanding some action to lower food costs. The government has stated that it has contingency plans for wage and price controls. I think a petition of this type from my part of the country shows they are needed now and that action is needed now.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that under the terms of the Standing Order he can only lay the petition on the table and not make a speech or present argument in support of the petition.

• (1410)

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Your Honour proceeded past motions without making reference to—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are at that point now.

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Motions:

April 4, 1973-Mr. Howard:

That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House on April 4, 1973, be concurred in.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I would not want to cut into the time of the House set aside today for the important question of the income tax bill. I wonder, therefore, if I could get unanimous consent to have the motion standing in my name put without debate.

Mr. Speaker: This would, of course, require the unanimous consent of the House. I believe the hon. member is referring to the first motion standing in his name. The hon. member appreciates that in view of the well established practice of the House the motion cannot be debated in any event. If the hon. member suggests there might be unanimous consent for the motion, I might inquire.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Obviously there is not unanimous consent. The motion, therefore, cannot be put at this time.

[Mr. Speaker.]

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT

PROVISION OF SAME RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR ALIEN HUSBAND AS FOR ALIEN WIFE

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-175, to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act (equal residence requirements accorded alien spouses of Canadians).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, at the present time an alien wife of a Canadian citizen may be granted citizenship when she has resided in Canada for only one year, but an alien husband of a Canadian wife must have resided for five years.

The purpose of this bill, therefore, is to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act to provide that there is no difference between the residence requirements for the acquisition of Canadian citizenship by an alien husband and an alien wife of a Canadian citizen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

FINANCE

EFFECT ON PROPOSED TAX CUTS FOR CANADIAN INDUSTRIES OF U.S. PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL RESPECTING TAXATION OF AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES ABROAD

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the request to Congress by the President of the United States for authority to tax the incomes of U.S. subsidiaries abroad in certain instances at U.S. corporate rates, one of these instances being where lower taxes in the foreign country are a factor in the decision of the subsidiary to invest, has the minister given consideration to this and the distinct possibility that his proposed tax cuts for manufacturing and processing industries could result simply in swelling the treasury of the United States in the case of certain investments by U.S. subsidiaries?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, all we have at the moment is the text of the President's message to Congress. We do not have a text of the proposed bill as we do in the case of the trade reform bill which the President put forward in textual form to Congress. We are, of course, studying this matter very closely. We need a little more precision before an answer can be given to the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Stanfield: Is it the intention of the Minister of the Finance to contact the appropriate authorities in the