

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 17, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR CANADA

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON CIRCUMVENTING OF UNION IN BARGAINING WITH FINANCE BRANCH EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, as a result of reliable reports of continuing and rather extraordinary ineptitude in labour relations on the part of officials acting on behalf of our country's national airline which resulted in a strong protest in the form of a telegram being forwarded on behalf of CALEA to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), Mr. Joe Morris of the CLC and assorted members of parliament. I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Transport investigate immediately the role of Mr. Dale Atkinson, General Manager of finance, Air Canada, who, according to the President of the Canadian Airline Employees Association, took it upon himself to circumvent the union's negotiating committee when he initiated direct bargaining with the Air Canada finance branch employees in Winnipeg for whom the union is certified as the sole bargaining agent and that the minister report his findings to this House, since this type of action may be contrary to the Canada Labour Code.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

REQUEST THAT COMPANY RESPECT PRINCIPLES OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WHEN DEALING WITH FINANCE BRANCH EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The matter of urgency, as has already been indicated, is the action of the general manager of the finance branch of Air Canada in circumventing the certified union of the employees of that branch. I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House urges the Minister of Transport to call upon the general manager of Air Canada's finance branch to respect the principles of collective bargaining by dealing with the employees of the branch through their certified bargaining agent, the Canadian Airline Employees Association, so that negotiations may be conducted in accordance with appropriate employer-employee relations.

Mr. Speaker: This motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

PUBLIC SERVICE

SUGGESTED STUDY OF LACK OF RECOGNITION OF BILINGUAL EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

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

In view of the considerable reaction among federal civil servants in Quebec as a result of the government delay in adopting a specific policy on a fair indemnity for bilingualism, considering the undertaking of the government in August last to abide by the date of December 31, 1975, that is in a few days, as the limit for the application of the bilingualism bonus, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette):

That this House consider immediately the problem concerning the effective non-acknowledgement of bilingualism among civil servants and that it indicate to the government the policy to be followed for the application and granting of bilingualism bonuses.

● (1410)

Mr. Speaker: Order. 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.

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

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[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

SUGGESTION MR. MARCHAND FURNISH EVIDENCE FORCE LEAKED INFORMATION ON VISIT TO OFFICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the statements made yesterday by the minister without portfolio that he still was not convinced that the RCMP had not