Food Prices Committee REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DISCREPANCIES IN REPORTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Elmer MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Several of the monthly reports recently submitted pursuant to section 16 of the Regional Development Incentives Act contain differences and discrepancies as between the versions in both official languages. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That this serious matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development for appropriate study and action.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Central Nova. The motion is proposed under Standing Order 43 and requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: If there were any nays I did not hear them. I think I should indicate to hon. members that if any member objects to a motion under Standing Order 43 it should be made clear to the House. I do not think there is any obligation on the part of the Chair to assume that such a motion will not receive unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I think the nays were clearer that time. There is not unanimous consent. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, my point of order is that it appears there are documents before the House that are inconsistent in that they contain discrepancies. My point of order is that the minister should either make a statement on motions to clarify the matter or he should take the documents from the table and replace them with the correct versions.

Mr. Speaker: I see the minister wishes to reply, but I do not think I can accept that as a point of order. It is obviously a point of debate and the matter should not be pursued at this time.

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SPORTS

MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES, 1976—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43.

Recognizing the national character of the 1976 Olympic games in Montreal, realizing it would be unfair for Montrealers alone to pay all expenditures entailed, and taking into account the financial requirements that are essential

[Mr. Speaker.]

to the success of those games, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme):

That a special debate be held as soon as possible to define the financial responsibility of this parliament with regard to those Olympic games.

Mr. Speaker: The House heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Joliette. The unanimous consent of the House is required, pursuant to Standing Order 43. Does the House agree unanimously?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As the House is not unanimous, the motion cannot be put.

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

COMPULSORY RETIREMENT—CORRECTION OF ANSWER BY PRESIDENT OF THE TREASURY BOARD

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in response to a question asked by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis) I replied that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) had not made any reference to compulsory retirement. On reading *Hansard* I discovered that I was in error and that in fact the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre had used the term "compulsory retirement". I had understood that in his question he was referring to those who had been retired normally by reason of the regulations governing age rather than it being disciplinary retirement.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am happy that the minister has recognized in the House use of the word "compulsory". I would ask him at his earliest possible convenience to indicate on what authority a Crown corporation, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, can compulsorily retire miners at the age of 60.

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have not yet reached the question period. Perhaps the question might be asked of the minister then and he can attempt to reply at that time.