

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, October 30, 1978

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

NEW MEMBER

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Fonce Faour, Esq., member for the electoral district of Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

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NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

Fonce Faour, Esq., member for the electoral district of Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe, introduced by Mr. Edward Broadbent and Mr. Stanley Knowles.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

POLICY REGARDING EXTENDED USE OF SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the position of the government, as enunciated by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, to actively encourage the expanded use of social insurance numbers outside of social service programs by all levels of government, contrary to the long-standing undertaking of the government to restrict the use, and in view of the serious questions arising from this extended use as they relate to invasion of privacy of the citizen, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. Crosby):

That this House directs the government to immediately introduce legislation setting forth guidelines and limitations on the use of social insurance or other identification numbers, to protect the rights of citizens against abuses arising from the expansion, without parliamentary approval, of the use of social insurance numbers.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

RIGHT TO STRIKE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that, according to published reports yesterday, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) stated that if he were prime minister he would end the public service's right to strike, while at the same time his own party's labour critic was also reported yesterday as stating that if he were labour minister he would not take away the right to strike from the public service, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House, noting the potentially disastrous conflict between two of its members, call upon the Minister of Labour to intervene to resolve this dispute before this issue becomes a permanent split or a lock-out takes place.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MINISTER OF DEFENCE FOR NORWAY

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the oral question period, I know that members would want to join with me in signalling the presence in our gallery of a very distinguished visitor to our country, here on an official visit with his counterpart in Canada regarding their respective obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. I refer to His Excellency Rolf Hansen, Minister of Defence for the Kingdom of Norway.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!