

## S.O. 43

● (1412)

[Translation]

REQUEST PROVINCES HAVE JURISDICTION OVER DIRECT  
TAXATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with a matter of pressing necessity.

In light of the statement of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) who said on television last night that his government would withdraw from joint programs with municipalities, thus admitting that the late Lester B. Pearson was right when he wanted to abolish all joint programs so as to hand over the authority taken from the provinces, and as we have always suggested that it was the only necessary condition to improve the climate in federal-provincial relations, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the federal government withdraw from direct taxation which, before the federal government insidiously laid hands on it, belonged exclusively to the provinces under the original constitution, and give back all direct taxes to those provinces.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Under Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

## TOURISM

ACCESS TO B.C. THROUGH BLAINE-DOUGLAS BORDER  
CROSSING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The province of British Columbia is at present celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of the coming of Captain Cook to the shores of our province. Through the promotional efforts of the government of British Columbia there is already a large influx of tourists, many of them coming through the Blaine-Douglas port of entry. The province last year enjoyed the highest percentage increase in tourism.

The American authorities have decided to tear down and rebuild their port of entry facilities at Blaine during these crucial months of high tourist traffic in the area. Because there appears to have been no leadership on the part of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, responsible for tourism, there has been no consultation with provincial officials and apparently none with American federal or Washington state officials to meet this emergency, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman):

[Mr. Speaker.]

That this House instructs the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to forthwith call a meeting of his officials, together with the appropriate officials of the government of British Columbia as well as the state of Washington and United States immigration, to find ways by which the traffic can flow through the Blaine-Douglas port of entry without having the lines of traffic reduced from five to two.

**Mr. Speaker:** The provisions of Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House for introduction of such a motion for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF PRESIDENT OF SOCIAL CREDIT  
PARTY

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Before beginning the oral question period, I ask hon. members to join with me in signalling the presence in our gallery of a very distinguished visitor, the newly-elected president of the Social Credit Party of Canada, Mr. Lorne Reznowski.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

● (1417)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

## FINANCE

## PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC ON SALES TAX

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

I suppose the minister is aware of the motion which was passed unanimously yesterday in Quebec City, namely that the governments of Quebec and Canada conclude immediately a firm and final agreement respecting the Quebec proposal announced on April 12.

Given the circumstances, would the minister be prepared to accept the unanimous wish of the National Assembly?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, if the Quebec government wants to make some proposals, it is free to do so. After the proposal I made in my budget speech I wrote twice to the Quebec government to propose amendments which would suit them. I have not received any counter-proposal so far. If the government of Quebec really wants to propose a solution and discuss it, I would be glad to do so because prior to budget night I did spend three weeks confer-