

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, December 16, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

PROPOSED INCREASED WRITE-OFF OF EXPENSES FOR PROMOTION OF EXPORT SALES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. As it is essential that this country overcome its \$11.5 billion a year trade deficit in manufactured goods and as this can only be done if we greatly increase our sales efforts abroad and let far more people in the world market know what this country has to offer, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria-Haliburton (Mr. Scott):

That the government allow producers to write off 200 per cent of all expenses connected with making sales trips abroad, displaying their products at foreign trade fairs and any other expenses incurred in sales promotion in the export market and any other expenses incurred in sales promotion in the export market in excess of those made in the base year—the year before the plan goes into operation.

Such a program would greatly increase our sales effort in the export market—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is permitted to put his motion forward but not to argue it. The motion can be presented to the House at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

An hon. Member: No!

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTION SYNCRUDE NOT INTERFERE WITH UNION ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Workers being interviewed for jobs at Syncrude, which is partly owned by the federal government, are being told the plant will operate without unions. Since this appears to contravene the Alberta Labour Code and federal government labour policy, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House advise the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to instruct Syncrude officials that they are not to interfere with normal union organisation within the plant.

Mr. Speaker: The motion having been raised under the provisions of Standing Order 43, can only be put to the House with unanimous consent. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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INFORMATION

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF GREEN PAPER ON FREEDOM OF ACCESS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion under Standing Order 43. It deals with matters of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the need to obtain recommendations concerning legislation affecting government secrecy and clarifying issues of security and ministerial responsibility. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That the Green Paper on legislation on public access to government documents be referred to the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can only be put to the House with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Oh, you know where you stand, then!

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

SUGGESTION GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME BE ESTABLISHED AT POVERTY LINE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of extremely urgent and pressing necessity.

In March 1977, the Senate indicated that a single person with a \$3,981 income was on the poverty line. Since old age security pensioners of single status are receiving only \$261.06 a month or \$3,132.72 year, which is \$848.28 a year below the poverty line, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):