

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 17, 1972

The House met at 2 p.m.

[Translation]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Second report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier).

[English]

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

Second report of Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts—Mr. Reid.

[Editor's note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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DRUGS

TABLING OF REPORT OF LE DAIN COMMISSION ON CANNABIS

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I should like to table in the two official languages copies of "Cannabis—A Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-medical Use of Drugs."

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[Translation]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

STATEMENT BY PREMIER BOURASSA ON FEDERALISM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, under Standing Order 43, a motion concerning a matter of public interest.

Referring to the answer that the Prime Minister gave yesterday about a letter dated March 11, 1972 that he addressed to the Premier of Quebec concerning the suggestion of prior negotiations between both governments on any decision directly or indirectly involving the province of Quebec, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House in order to move, seconded by the hon. member for Manicouagan (Mr. Blouin):

That the Prime Minister put on record the said correspondence.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Joliette under Standing Order 43.

This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion cannot be put since there is not unanimous consent.

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[English]

POST OFFICE

MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN EDMONTON AND CALGARY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask leave of the House to propose a motion concerning a very urgent and pressing matter arising from the continued deterioration of postal services. The urgency arises from the fact that the provincial government of Alberta has now been forced to enter into a contract with a private mail courier for service between the cities of Edmonton and Calgary. This move has been necessitated to improve communication between government departments which, through normal mail services, has degenerated to the point where departmental efficiency is seriously affected. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton East (Mr. Skoreyko):

That the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications be instructed to immediately investigate into all aspects of mail delivery service throughout Canada and, in particular, the service between the cities of Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. Speaker: This motion is proposed to the House under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND POPULATION VARIATION IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN RIDINGS

Mr. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-212, to amend the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (rules).