HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 8, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INDIAN AFFAIRS

LEGAL RIGHTS OF NATIVE PEOPLE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and The Islands): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask leave of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the statement of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to the delegation from the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs that "perhaps you have more legal rights than we thought you had when we did the white paper". I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Taylor):

That the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development be convened immediately and that the Prime Minister be asked to appear before the committee to clarify the government's position with regard to the legal rights of native people.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

AIRPORTS

RECONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion under Standing Order 43. It may be that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) or one of his colleagues would like to second it. If so, I should be glad if he would so indicate. I would move, as follows:

The landing of STOL aircraft in Rockcliffe having been stalled as the result of a citizen protest headed by Mrs. John Turner, this House calls on the government to indicate that it will reconsider the protests with respect to Sea Island Airport and the proposed Pickering Airport when it learns that those protests are headed, respectively, by Mrs. Ron Basford and Mrs. Alastair Gillespie.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair heard two or three members say no.

Some hon. Members: Oh. oh!

FLOODS

FRASER RIVER PROTECTION PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 with respect to the continuing danger of flooding in the lower mainland of British Columbia. Therefore I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Revnolds):

That the Minister of the Environment be urged to give priority to discussions with the province of British Columbia for the purpose of developing and financing a program on the Fraser River that would remove this annual fear and safeguard the property and lives of residents of the valley and lower mainland area.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

FEED GRAIN—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I solicit unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of very urgent importance to all eastern producers concerning feed grains.

Since the hon. minister had committed himself to setting up a new policy in this field through consultation and that this morning the Union des producteurs agricoles and the Coopérative fédérée du Québec seceded from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, thus breaking off any possible negotiations, the matter seems to me so urgent and important that it should be dealt with as thoroughly as possible.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Tétrault):

That a special debate take place following an agreement between parliamentary leaders in order to deal as soon as possible with the new situation related to the development of a nation-wide