HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 12, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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APPOINTMENT OF JEAN NOEL TREMBLAY AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of importance. In this regard I refer to a statement made by Madam Speaker, on April 23, 1980, and I would like to quote just one sentence from that statement, in part:

All positions of the House of Commons will be awarded through competition ... if there is a question of promoting them inside the structure once they get in, then they will have to submit to a competition.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That Madam Speaker be respectfully asked to report to the House the reasons why Jean Noel Tremblay, a member of the House of Commons staff, formerly of the Department of Communications, reportedly did not submit to a competition before his appointment as Director of Public Relations to the House of Commons; and finally, it is the opinion of this House that since members are, by tradition, masters of their own House, this information should be made available as soon as conveniently possible.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

POST OFFICE

DOOR TO DOOR MAIL DELIVERY IN CALGARY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Kushner (Calgary East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. For the past two years the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) has been studying the situation and promising the residents of Whitehorn, Temple, Falconbridge, and Castleridge, mail delivery. To date, nothing has been done. The minister's empty promises and arrogant attitude in passing the buck can no longer be tolerated. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko):

That the Postmaster General take action immediately to ensure that these residents receive the same door to door postal delivery, which is provided in other parts of the city of Calgary.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BANKS AND BANKING

LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH DEBT ADJUSTMENT BOARDS— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Because of the Liberal government's high interest rate policy, the present indebtedness of many home owners and businessmen is beyond their capacity to pay and they are being evicted. Whereas it is essential in the interest of Canada to retain people in both their homes and businesses, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the government introduce legislation which would allow banks and other lending institutions to establish debt adjustment or debt moratorium boards. Such legislation was in effect on the prairies during the 1930s. This would make it possible to ease the burden of staggering increased monthly mortgage payments for home owners and the bankrupting effect of loan payments on businesses.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

SUPPORT FOR FARM MARKETING BOARDS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Economic Council of Canada report, "Reforming Regulation", has found marketing boards such as the hog boards, the fruit and vegetable boards and the Canadian Wheat Board as "generally... operating successfully and to the benefit of society", and whereas the council's analysis of supply management boards is fraught with inconsistencies and dubious economic assumptions and has ignored the real contribution of