

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, July 6, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

REASON NAME OF ROBERT RABINOVITCH ON EXTRA PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION LIST—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity arising from the letter signed by the former solicitor general, the present Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer), dealing with an alleged extra-parliamentary opposition to which was attached a list of the names of 21 people whom the letter stated were suspected of being engaged in or sympathetic to EPO activity and suggested they should be watched in the interest of national security with more than normal care. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Prime Minister advise the House as to why the name of Mr. Robert Rabinovitch, assistant secretary to the cabinet for priorities and planning, appears on this list, whether or not he has been cleared of all such insinuation and innuendo with a subsequent apology being given, and if not, whether the government is prepared to either substantiate the minister's allegations or to clear the name of Mr. Rabinovitch now and to dismiss the former solicitor general from the cabinet as an obvious total incompetent.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT

SUGGESTED REFUSAL OF TAKEOVER OF DELIVRO CANADA BY UNITED PARCEL SERVICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact the Foreign Investment Review Agency has allowed United Parcel Services of America Inc. through its subsidiary, UPS Ltd., to take over Delivro Canada Inc., despite objections from the Post Office, CN, CP Express and the governments of Ontario and Quebec, and in view of the fact that UPS of America has been convicted of monopolistic practices in the United States, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan):

That this House instruct the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to intervene personally to stop this take-over, which will jeopardize Canadian companies and Canadian jobs.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

HOUSING

SUGGESTED REDUCTION OF MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss an urgent matter of pressing necessity.

Since Statistics Canada reports that a great many Canadians are experiencing housing difficulties; since more than 280,000 Canadian families spend over half their income for housing; and since interest rates are the main reason for the high cost of housing in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House immediately take all necessary steps to reduce without delay the interest rates on mortgages so as to soften the impact of those excessive interest rates and to make the purchase of a house financially interesting for all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this 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]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING BREAK-IN AT L'AGENCE DE PRESSE LIBRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of