

S.O. 43

In light of the recent announcement by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) that a National Commission on Inflation, with 100 employees, will be established to study high food prices, which is a duplication of the mandate of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs which now operates with 2,700 employees in 38 departments, at a cost of \$76 million annually, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Hare):

That this House direct the Minister of Finance to drop plans for appointing a National Commission on Inflation and that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs be directed to carry out his department's mandate to monitor and report unjust food price increases as well as increases in other commodities.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion for debate?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SHIPPING

REQUIREMENT ON EAST COAST FOR TUG CAPABLE OF TOWING SUPERTANKERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

The ocean-going tugboats available on the Canadian east coast cannot tow in safety modern supertankers and very large vessels in distress. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That the Minister of Transport be directed to make available on the east coast an ocean-going tugboat with power and capacity to tow supertankers and very large vessels to avoid further loss of life, property and environmental damage.

Mr. Speaker: Introduction of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

CALL FOR LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PENSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, all of us in this House regret the illness of the Minister of Veterans Affairs and we all extend to him our best wishes for an early recovery.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I believe the minister would be the first to agree that even in his absence the

[Mr. McKenzie.]

work of his department should carry on. Therefore, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House declares its readiness to give swift passage, before this parliament is ended, to any legislation respecting veterans, particularly if it modifies the 48 per cent rule that applies to the widows of disabled veterans, adjusts the rate of compensation for former prisoners of war, or makes improvements in the War Veterans Allowance Act, and this House expresses the hope that the government will introduce such legislation forthwith.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SPORTS

REQUEST THAT EDMONTON, WINNIPEG AND QUEBEC BE ADMITTED TO NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Louis Duclos (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that the leaders of the National Hockey League and of the World Hockey Association will meet tonight in Chicago to re-examine the feasibility of a merger of both professional hockey leagues, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That the House express the wish that the cities of Edmonton, Winnipeg and Quebec be admitted to the National Hockey League and that the representatives of the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs and Vancouver Canucks support the admission of those three Canadian cities.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.