HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday January 28, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

REMOVAL OF INEQUITIES IN FREIGHT RATES AND SUSPENSION OF INCREASES—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 on a matter of immediate and pressing necessity to move a motion having to do with the crippling effects which the recent freight rate increases have placed upon the livestock and meat processing industry of western Canada, and the failure of this government to honour its commitments to overcome freight rate discrepancies in the livestock industry which now threatens the future of this important segment of the western economy. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That the federal government take immediate steps to remove the freight rate inequities existing between grain and meat shipments to central Canada; that the discriminatory gap on freight rates between processed beef and live beef be reduced to a realistic and equitable level and, further, that any freight rate increases be suspended until such corrective policies are put in place.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion being posed. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

SOLICITOR GENERAL

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the annual report of the ministry of the Solicitor General.

TRADE

PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO PREVENT APPLICATION OF FOREIGN LAWS TO CANADIAN TRADE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion which I think is acceptable to everyone in the House, as it will deal immediately with a problem which has arisen during the last few weeks. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House instruct the government House leader to split from Bill C-2 sections 31 and 32 and incorporate them into a separate bill that would make it illegal for a corporation operating in Canada to base trade decisions on a law in force in a country other than Canada, and that we deal with this bill as soon as possible in this House.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion being proposed. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSAL TO MAKE CIDA A DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very urgent matter.

Since CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, will spend more than \$750 million in 1975 and that with such expenditure, CIDA ranks third among all government bodies and departments as to the importance of its budget, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House strongly urge the government to convert CIDA into a department, so that the CIDA budget administrator will sit in the House and answer the questions of members of the House on the use of the \$750 million that constitute its budget.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.