

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 20, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Third report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier).

[Editor's Note: For text of above Report see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

POST OFFICE

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE STUDY SALE TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the inability of the Canadian Post Office to solve its constant labour problems, decrease its huge annual deficit, or to even provide satisfactory service to the Canadian people, and in light of the fact that private parcel delivery services in both Canada and the United States show healthy profits while guaranteeing their service, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That this House set up an all-party committee to study the feasibility of selling the entire post office equipment and operation to private business.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion, being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43, cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): No.

[Translation]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

EFFECT OF CREDIT CARDS AND HIGH INTEREST RATES ON INFLATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since the generalized use of credit cards has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of frauds, and since also in the final analysis, consumers have to foot the bill for this new type of fraud, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the House instruct without debate the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to carry out an investigation in order to determine the extent to which this practice increases inflation, and also the extent to which the exorbitant interest rates of banks contribute to inflation.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore the motion cannot be put.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

I should like to congratulate the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) who objected to a motion a while ago by identifying himself. He said no, and rose in his place, as required by the Standing Orders. I hope that other hon. members will follow this practice in the future.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT TO REMOVE ABORTION PROVISION

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-385, to amend the Criminal Code (abortion).

He said: Mr. Speaker, recognizing that there are very deep and sincerely held differences of opinion on this matter, this bill would remove the subject of abortion