

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 11, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PENSIONS

SUGGESTION WIDOWS OF PUBLIC SERVANTS, ARMED FORCES AND RCMP PERSONNEL BE ENTITLED TO PENSIONS REGARDLESS OF DATE OF MARRIAGE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion which is of serious urgency to those who are adversely affected by the legislation as it now stands. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House urges the President of the Treasury Board to introduce the necessary amendments so that widows of public servants, of Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP personnel and of others in corresponding categories, will be entitled to the pensions their husbands paid for regardless of the date of marriage, thus ending an instance of discrimination that is most unfair.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

BROADCASTING

ALLEGED LACK OF OBJECTIVITY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion of pressing and urgent necessity.

In view of the fact that the main television stations, particularly the CBC French network, when reporting on Bill C-84 which provides for the abolition of capital punishment depict a noose in the background instead of the scale of justice or any other neutral symbol, thereby indicating a bias in favour of the criminal who is represented as a victim of the law, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette):

That the House immediately proceed to the consideration of this problem so that all information provided on the study of legislation on capital punishment be no longer biased, and misrepresentation and lack of objectivity in reporting be brought to an end.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There being not unanimous consent, the motion may not be put.

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[English]

HEALTH

REQUEST FOR ACTION TO PREVENT CLOSING OF DURHAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to raise a matter of urgent and pressing necessity and I would ask hon. members opposite to give my motion the serious consideration it deserves. It arises from the decision of a divisional court in Toronto yesterday that the Ontario government had acted illegally in its attempt to close four hospitals in Ontario, including Durham Memorial Hospital in Durham. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Grey-Simcoe (Mr. Mitges):

That this House instructs the Minister of National Health and Welfare to use the moral and legal powers at his disposal to prevent the closing of Durham Memorial Hospital in Durham, Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: Notwithstanding the rather generous interpretation that we have been able to put upon Standing Order 43 motions because of the time limit on them and the somewhat self-policing feature in that regard, I believe that Standing Order 43 does not permit us to bring within federal jurisdiction that which lies solely within provincial jurisdiction.

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MANPOWER

SUGGESTED PROVISION OF FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND FARMERS TO AID IN THE CREATION OF JOBS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that unemployment in this country is up again this month to 7.4 per cent, the highest level since 1961, in view of the fact that this unemployment is likely to climb even higher in the coming months as students finish their school terms and are unable to find employment, in view of the fact that