

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 14, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

MR. FOX—STATEMENT RESPECTING ELECTIONS EXPENSES

Mr. Fox: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

On Monday, a newspaper published in the national capital region appeared to be insinuating that some hon. members, myself included, had not met the requirements of the Canada Elections Act through failure to file their statutory return respecting election expenses with the local returning officer.

Mr. Speaker, this article is inaccurate. I filed the statement referred to with the returning officer of my constituency, on December 30 last, and I was accompanied by my official agent.

Furthermore, this return was later published in a newspaper in my constituency. The Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Jean-Marc Hamel, confirmed to me by telephone that the article was inaccurate.

[English]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

GRAIN

WHEAT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to ask leave of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising out of the announcement today by the Canadian Wheat Board of the disastrously low final payments on wheat and oats and no payment at all on the barley pool. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That the annual report on the Canadian Wheat Board be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and the Wheat Board and the minister be called to appear before the committee.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner). Under the terms 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.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion therefore cannot be put.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES PROJECTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move the following motion concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since the government has granted unlimited credits to the Unemployment Insurance Fund for the maintenance of unemployed Canadians while the Local Initiatives Program, which enables the unemployed to feel useful and to work, has very limited funds, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House should consider as soon as possible the means to be taken to make available to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration sufficient funds to carry out all the projects submitted, so that the unemployed who are now reduced to idleness may make a worthwhile contribution under the Local Initiatives Program.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Portneuf. 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 unanimity. Therefore the motion cannot be put at this time.

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[English]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise under Standing Order 43. Shi guinjick nitsa ginyha she rinetha go, do ya shi gwooddj thuck dava thlee I enjit oonjit que zhit nitsa gin neeya.

I spoke in that fashion, Mr. Speaker, to make the point that I do not believe anyone in the House understood my words, nor do I think there are many people here who