

under the circumstances. I feel the matter has been properly aired.

ROUTINES PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

FISHERIES

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT OF CANADIAN FISHERIES RESEARCH BOARD

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table in both official languages the annual report of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada for 1973.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

TABLING OF REPORT OF FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING COUNCIL ON EGG MARKETING

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table in both official languages the report of the Farm Products Marketing Council, as dealt with by the Food Prices Review Board, a study on eggs.

Mr. McGrath: You didn't give us much time to look at it.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE ON MOTION TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EGG MARKETING

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, yesterday when announcing the business before the House for the coming week, I expressed the hope that by unanimous consent we could agree to debate the establishment of the committee to investigate egg marketing today. I would now like to read the motion that I hope has been agreed to among the House leaders and ask for consent that it be taken under consideration immediately after Oral Questions. The motion is as follows:

That a special committee of fourteen members be appointed to inquire into and report upon, with its recommendations, if any,

- (a) the operations of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, and
- (b) the performance of the several authorities having responsibilities with respect to those operations

That the members of the said committee be Mrs. Appolloni and Messrs. Anderson, Cafik, Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi), Fox, Goodale, Gray, Lambert (Bellechasse), Lawrence, Lessard, Mazankowski, McGrath, Murta and Orlikow.

That the said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses; to sit when the House is sitting; to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned; to report from time to time and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may

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be deemed advisable; to delegate to sub-committees all or any of their powers except the power to report direct to the House; and to engage the services of such expert staff as may be deemed necessary.

And that the said committee be instructed to make its reports to this House no later than December 16, 1974.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the text of the motion. The President of the Privy Council seeks unanimous consent not only to introduce the motion at the present time but also to transfer it to government orders for consideration as the first order of business later this day. Is the House agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

SUGGESTED PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO ALL PERSONS BETWEEN AGES 60 and 65—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House to present a motion under Standing Order 43. The urgency of the motion arises from the fact that many members are receiving numerous letters from persons between the ages of 60 and 65 who feel it is unfair that they are being left out of certain proposed legislation. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare be requested by this House to reconsider the terms of the proposed bill for the payment of old age security to spouses between the ages of 60 and 65 only in those cases where the other spouse is a pensioner and only on the basis of an income test, and that he give consideration to the introduction of a bill to provide for old age security to be paid to all persons between 60 and 65 who are out of the labour market.

Mr. Speaker: Again, I must say I have grave reservations about the acceptability of such a motion. The House is aware that under the Standing Order, the motions under Standing order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House but there is a tendency to overlook the fact that the order also requires that they be proposed as matters of urgent and pressing necessity. A request of this sort, to ask the government to consider changes in legislation in relation to something which might be done in the future, raises serious doubt in my mind as to whether it qualifies under the Standing Order as being of urgent and pressing necessity. Today, I propose to resolve that doubt in favour of the proposer of the motion, but I give notice that in future I shall give careful consideration to whether or not such motions qualify under the other aspect of the rule.

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Under the circumstances, the motion being proposed under Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent before it can be debated. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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