HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 23, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE BUDGET

ALLEGED REFERENCE TO CONTENTS BY PRIME MINISTER PRIOR TO PRESENTATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to request the unanimous consent of the House for the proposal of a motion concerning the budget. The urgency concerns the statement alleged to have been made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) on his provincial election trip through southern Ontario last night. In this statement, which could involve a serious breach of parliamentary ethics, he is reported by Canadian Press to have given some details of the contents of the budget by saying that the forthcoming federal budget will bring higher taxes to restrain the economy. Thereby he scooped the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner). I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner):

That this House call upon the Minister of Finance to introduce his budget at once, to prevent further leaks of the contents of that budget.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST THAT PENSION BE GRANTED PERSONS BETWEEN 55 AND 65 YEARS OF AGE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

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

The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) having very clearly stated in the House last night that the bill he will shortly introduce on the old age security pension will concern only spouses aged between 60 and 65, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That in the opinion of the House the needs of other groups, widowers, widows, single and others between 55 and 65 years of age should be taken into consideration without delay and the Minister of National Health and Welfare requested to bring forward immediately a bill providing income security for those groups whose situation is truly difficult.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There being no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

POST OFFICE

PROPOSED IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House to present a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of growing urgency. My motion concerns the work stoppages in the Post Office that are spreading across Canada, creating havoc in communications and causing economic chaos. In view of the contradictory statements being made with respect to the present state of collective bargaining for a new contract with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the government and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers get to the bargaining table immediately, to work out a fair and equitable contract that will include adequate safeguards for the postal workers, including the impact of technological change, so that Canadians might be assured the high quality of postal service that has been denied them for the past eight years.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Wagner: Mr. Speaker, the minister agreed.

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