

S.O. 43

● (1422)

[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a very urgent matter, namely eligibility for unemployment insurance.

Considering that clause 57 of the regulations derived from the Unemployment Insurance Act reads as follows, and I quote:

The employment of a person in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and harvesting by an employer who

(a) pays the employee a remuneration that is less than two hundred and fifty dollars in cash in a year, or

(b) employs the employee for a period of less than twenty-five working days in a year is excepted from insurable employment.

Considering that such a rule is detrimental to the farmer who has difficulty finding labour and discriminatory to the agricultural worker who does not enjoy the same status as the industrial worker; considering that because of this unfair piece of regulation hundreds of fruit and vegetable pickers in Quebec who worked in Ontario will be deprived of unemployment insurance benefits, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Guay) lose no time in having clause 57 of the regulation removed so that all workers in Canada are put on an equal footing and are dealt with in a fair manner.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

POST OFFICE

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW VIS-À-VIS CUPW—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I refer to the fact that the acting president of CUPW in St. John's, one Ted Rice, has stated, as quoted in the St. John's *Daily News* with respect to injunctions:

If they are obtained they will be defied just as the back-to-work legislation has been. Twenty-three thousand workers stayed out on strike in the face of the legislation and injunctions are even a little milder.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Rice has questioned whether a judge will award an injunction, since the big question a judge will ask is whether the Post Office can guarantee that the injunction will be obeyed; and, since there can be no guarantee, he is doubtful that any will be obtained, and since the Newfoundland Federation of Labour has pledged full co-operation and support in defying the legislation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That the government explain in detail on motions how the government will ensure that any injunction is obeyed and how the government intends to enforce the law and to obtain respect for the law as a result of this massive and unprecedented defiance of the law in the courts by CUPW and the Newfoundland Federation of Labour.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

TESTIMONY BEFORE McDONALD COMMISSION—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity pertaining to testimony just given to the McDonald commission by former RCMP Commissioner Higgitt, investigating activities of the RCMP, testimony of the most serious nature alleging that three successive solicitors general were given both oral and written communications by Commissioner Higgitt concerning certain unusual police activities and that these cabinet ministers and the government failed to act in any way whatsoever.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton (Mr. Dick):

That the Prime Minister and the government be ordered to make available immediately to the McDonald commission all details of such oral and written communications referred to by Commissioner Higgitt; further, that the Prime Minister explain this gross negligence on the part of the government in failing to act on the former commissioner's information and completely and utterly neglecting its obvious duty to reply to the commissioner for what must be interpreted as direct requests for instructions from the political level as to how the RCMP should proceed with its various activities.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

● (1427)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE
McDONALD INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to make under Standing Order 43 similar to that made by the hon. member for Leeds, but since this has to do with the