

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, July 3, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

TABLING OF REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to section 19 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970, to lay upon the table of the House a certified copy of the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of British Columbia.

ROUTINE OF PROCEEDINGS

[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

NEED FOR POLICY TO INTEGRATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES OF NORTHERN ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the "Economic Circumstances and Opportunities" report for Ontario tabled in the House last Friday by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

In view of the statement in the report that Northern Ontario's best chances lie in tourism and the services industry, and in view of this very shallow and prejudicial view of one of Canada's wealthiest resource areas, and since this view can only perpetuate the colonialist—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member, and seize upon this opportunity as we begin a new parliamentary week, to remind hon. members that they should limit these introductory remarks to so-called motions under Standing Order 43. I think, generally speaking, that hon. members in reflecting on the use of this rule, Standing Order 43, may feel that if we are to allow a continuation of a practice which has developed over the last months and years, in order to make it half acceptable hon. members should not make speeches in support of the motions which they propose to present for the consideration of the House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

● (1410)

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House unanimously condemns both the analysis and short-sighted solutions to northern Ontario's economic problems, and further instructs the minister to table immediately in this House an industrial strategy for northern Ontario which would integrate industrial development and the primary resources of the region.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under 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: As there is not unanimous consent the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

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AMENDMENT TO SUSPEND OPERATION OF ACT

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-208, to suspend the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

FOOD PRICES

EFFECT OF INCREASED FARM COSTS—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO CONTROL

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It arises out of the increase in farm costs of over 6 per cent during the first quarter and the increase in the basic cost of feed which is up over 18 per cent. I should like to ask the minister whether the government is now going to take comprehensive action to control