

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 17, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF FILE ON OPERATION
"FEATHERBED"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the House because I have a slight case of laryngitis, I hope my voice can be heard. I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pertaining to operation "Featherbed" and to reports that a copy of the file is for sale at up to \$200,000 and that espionage and investigation of high ranking members of the public service are involved. I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens):

That the Solicitor General make an immediate statement as to whether the Prime Minister at any time attempted to have the file destroyed or the investigation which the Solicitor General yesterday termed as a legitimate activity stopped, whether the file indicates involvement of a foreign power in the security service of this country and that he explain the discrepancy between the Prime Minister's Tuesday statement that he had never heard of the file and his own admission yesterday that it does indeed exist.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ON FILES INCINERATED—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) said in the House on June 21 of this year that "no material pertaining to any inquiry presently under way in the province of Quebec was destroyed" in the incineration of RCMP documents which took place in Montreal on June 3. He also said of the same material that it "had no value". Considering that Chief Superintendent Guy Marcoux, head of the criminal investigation branch of the RCMP in Montreal said yesterday about this same material that he "could not be sure that some of the documents burned did not refer to alleged activity of the RCMP", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instructs the Solicitor General to make a statement on motions today explaining the serious contradiction which exists between his description of what was burned on June 3 and the statement made by Chief Superintendent Guy Marcoux yesterday and also to explain the circumstances which led to the report making the recommendation for the burning of these documents being prepared on May 23 of this year which was the Monday of a long holiday weekend.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

HOUSING

REQUEST FOR CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT WITH PROVINCES
ON INSULATION PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that insulation is one of the best means to save fuel; considering that the insulation program launched by the Canadian government is likely to encourage Canadians to insulate some types of dwellings; considering that it would be advisable to include other types of dwellings and that the implementation of the program requires the agreement of the provinces, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the House urge the Minister of State for Urban Affairs to intensify negotiations with provincial authorities so that some agreements be concluded immediately to allow Canadian taxpayers to take advantage of that program and that the amount of the subsidy be also increased.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Under Standing Order 43, such a motion can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.