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• (4:30 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ANALYSIS OF PROJECTS—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 concerning a matter that was raised in the House of Commons yesterday in connection with a study that was made of the impact of regional development grants and regional development incentive grants, with particular reference to the province of Quebec. May I just say during my preliminary remarks that I sent notice of the fact that I was going to introduce this motion to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Marchand), to the government House leader and to the other House leaders in order that all parties would have an opportunity to consider this matter before I raised it in this House.

There were nine fundamental criticisms raised of the regional development program in this study which I feel deserve consideration by all members of the House. Therefore, I move:

That the subject matter of a special study of the programs of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion by the Quebec Federation of Labour be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development for study and report thereon.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Regina East under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous agreement?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous agreement. The hon. member's motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

MR. RONDEAU—ALLEGED ABSENCE OF CRÉDITISTE MEMBERS FROM STUDY SESSION CONDUCTED BY CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ON BILL C-259

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

According to the second paragraph of the left hand side column on page 10406 of yesterday's *Hansard*, the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Leblanc) had this to say, and I quote:

Well, CICA members—and I commend them for it—came here to give a full day's course to hon. members and that, at their own expense. I do not recall having seen a single Créditiste member attend this course. Where were they? How interested are they in this bill? How can they understand it, since they don't even go to the official information sources—

This statement, Mr. Speaker, is absolutely false and misleading unless the hon. member for Laurier has deliberately misinformed the House—

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a matter of debate between the hon. member for Shefford and the hon. member who, in his opinion, has made the statement to which he refers.

The hon. member for Shefford wishes to rise in accordance with a standing order allowing him to raise the question of privilege. The hon. member should know that he must give notice to the Chair to that effect and having received none, I do not think, under the circumstances, that he can rise on a question of privilege.

[English]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

LEVEL OF CANADIAN DOLLAR—CANADIAN POLICY IN VIEW OF ALLEGED INTENTION OF UNITED STATES TO DEVALUE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister a question arising out of the upward movement of the Canadian dollar from 92½ cents since it was unpegged to something over par now with the U.S. dollar. Is it the policy of the right hon. gentleman's government to allow the Canadian dollar to float freely and cleanly in relationship to the U.S. dollar and other world currencies?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the government propose to take any measures at all to prevent the Canadian dollar from moving significantly above par with the United States dollar? I ask this question particularly in view of the declared intention of the United States government to devalue the United States dollar and the consequential upward pressures that this will put upon the Canadian dollar.