Social Security

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY CANADA

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table in both official languages, as is traditional, a number of international agreements recently entered into by Canada. For purely technical reasons involving, for example, the absence of certified copies in both official languages, I am only now in the position also to table a number of agreements which entered into force for Canada some time ago.

CUT FLOWERS

SEASONAL DUMPING DUTIES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity relating to the signs of spring on this first day of spring, the vernal equinox, to ask the unanimous consent of the House for the following motion:

That the Minister of Agriculture, in consultation with his colleague, the Minister of Finance, undertake a review of the regulations relating to the imposition of seasonal dumping duties against cut flowers from Europe as well as from the United States, so that the flower growers in the garden riding of Esquimalt-Saanich shall be able to continue their commercial operations so as to provide those of us who have to spend part of our lives under the snow in the east with some of the early evidences of spring, such as the daffodils which came from that riding and are available in the lobbies for all hon. members.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I shall see whether hon. members want to declare an interest in the motion proposed by the hon. member. I hesitate to put the motion in those terms. I am sure that the hon. member, for many reasons, is counting on the support of hon. members and of the Chair in putting the motion. I will put the motion but I hope that the hon. member, despite his generosity to other hon. members, will not be disappointed if some of his colleagues on one side of the House or the other say no. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

PROVISION OF PENSIONS TO INVALIDS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of pressing urgency. As several social welfare schemes have flaws leading to much unfairness and as, at least in the province [Mr. Speaker.]

of Quebec, some people who did not contribute enough to the Quebec Pension Plan cannot receive disability pensions and must beg, on bended knee, for the mere pittance granted them by the social welfare department, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Tétrault):

That this House study the advisability of extending to all disabled persons the right to a disability pension.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore, the motion cannot be put.

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY TO PRODUCERS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very urgent matter.

In view of the present precarious situation of industrial milk producers in Canada and the rise in production costs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) explain in detail to the House what procedure will be followed for the payment of subsidies to producers during the next season, in order that Parliament be given the opportunity to discuss and consider extensively the effects of this program on prices to consumers and producers.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the terms of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

[English]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE PERMANENT VOTERS LIST

Mr. Judd Buchanan (London West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-265, to amend the Canada Elections Act (permanent voters list).

Some hon. Members: Explain.