

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 16, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

SOCIAL SECURITY

[English]

PROPOSED INCREASE IN PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. It is one which I believe is urgent, having in mind the desire for unity in this country and for good morale on the part of our people. In view of the fact we have been witnessing massive pay increases for members of parliament, senators, cabinet ministers, lieutenant governors, judges—there seems to be no restraint—I ask the House to be fair. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Waterloo-Cambridge (Mr. Saltsman):

That the government be asked to introduce forthwith a bill to increase the basic pension under the Old Age Security Act to \$300 a month and to provide corresponding increases in veterans pensions and allowances and in all social benefits.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Even with the leniency now allowed to proposed motions under Standing Order 43 according to the new format, I have to confess that the subject matter raised by the hon. member, although it is tied to certain legislation before the House, still relates to a matter of continuing concern rather than to a matter of pressing necessity. I do not think it should be put.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Are there citations which Your Honour could give to the House to support this ruling, in the light of other motions under Standing Order 43 which have been put to the House?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Vancouver Quadra.

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AIRPORTS

SUGGESTED INQUIRY INTO LACK OF SECURITY CHECKS— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In spite of questions raised by me in this House on April 15 and May 12 concerning the lack of protection accorded passengers by security proce-

dures at Canadian airports, yet another illustration of this failure has occurred, namely, the passage through a security check at Toronto International Airport last night of hand baggage containing a high-powered rifle complete with ammunition.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Gillies):

That the government order an immediate inquiry into the procedures followed in the attempted screening of passengers and their hand baggage prior to boarding aircraft in Canada, and into the reasoning which results in there being no security check whatever in many airports in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43; it cannot be put to the House in the absence of unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSAL THAT DEPARTMENT PURCHASE DE HAVILLAND DASH SEVEN AIRCRAFT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Having regard to the fact that an export market is obtainable for the de Havilland DASH 7 because of its abilities in sovereignty patrol, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That the Minister of National Defence immediately consider ordering these airplanes for our shoreline patrol thereby opening the market and providing capital and jobs for Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 and unanimous consent is required before it can be put. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OUTLINING REASON FOR RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME IN SOUTH VIET NAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under the terms of