

S.O. 43

● (1412)

[English]

CANADA GAME ACT

IMPORTATION OF CARIBOU MEAT FROM NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the export of certain wild game and meat from the Northwest Territories without a permit or licence contravenes the provisions of the Canada Game Act and the Northwest Territories Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That the Prime Minister determine whether or not the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has breached the law by importing caribou meat from the territories and, if so, take the necessary steps to discipline the said minister.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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REDISTRIBUTION

NORTHERN ONTARIO—CALL FOR REINTRODUCTION OF BILL C-60—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion, under Standing Order 43, for which party agreement has been obtained. In the second session of this parliament a bill was introduced by the government to rectify an anomaly created by the redistribution of northern Ontario ridings. The government bill received support on all sides of the House but time did not permit it to be finalized.

With a postponement of the anticipated general election, it might be appropriate for the House to give its consent to correcting these anomalies at this time. The effect would be to maintain the present boundaries in northern Ontario without affecting the redistribution of the other constituencies until the next redistribution takes place. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That government Bill C-60 of the second session of this parliament, 'an act to readjust the representation of Ontario in the House of Commons and to readjust the electoral districts in Ontario, be reintroduced this day at the appropriate time at introduction of bills and be proceeded with through all stages and disposed of without further debate.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

FLOODS

DEVASTATION IN PARTS OF NORTHERN B.C.—DESIGNATION AS DISASTER AREA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the unprecedented rainstorms which have dumped over 11 inches of rain in a few days and are ravishing parts of the constituency of Skeena, British Columbia, namely, the Terrace and Kitimat areas, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the federal government, in conjunction with the provincial government of British Columbia, declare this region a disaster area and take all reasonable and necessary steps to alleviate the suffering and damage being experienced by the people of the area.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion in the House at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INCREASE IN BANK RATE—INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of yesterday's announced bank rate increase, the fourth such increase since the April 10 budget, and this afternoon's increase in the Canada Savings Bond interest rate to 9.5 per cent, would the minister indicate when we may expect his budget, bearing in mind the fact that he has put the country into utter confusion with respect to the interest rate structure and the general position of the government today in relation to the over-all unsatisfactory condition of our economy?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I hope I will be able to state to the House tomorrow or the day after the date on which I will table the budget.

[English]

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that the minister still is not able to give a definitive date. In the meantime, would the minister indicate to us why he felt it was warranted to raise our bank rate to the historically high 10.75 per cent, such as was done yesterday, bearing in mind that if the only excuse is the present rate in the United States, that country now has unemployment down to 5.8 per cent com-