

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, January 8, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF STRIKING COMMITTEE

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Striking Committee. As I would like to move concurrence in this report on motions I should like to read it. It is very brief and reads as follows:

Your committee recommends that the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates be composed of the following members: Messrs. Alexander, Balfour, Caouette (Charlevoix), Clermont, Comtois, Demers, Gauthier (Ottawa East), Grafftey, Langlois, Leblanc (Laurier), Lundrigan, Mather, McGrath, Nielsen, Orlikow, Poulin, Reilly, Roy (Laval) and Woolliams.

CONCURRENCE IN REPORT OF STRIKING COMMITTEE

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved that the first report of the Striking Committee, presented this day, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES(A), 1972-73

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates(A) for the financial year ending March 31, 1973, was presented by Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 59 I move:

That the Supplementary Estimates(A), 1972-73, tabled this day, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, of course this is not a debatable motion, but on a point of order I should like to say that while we accept this motion we do so without prejudice to our right to assert when the estimates are considered by the committee that they include Governor General's warrants. In accepting the motion now we reserve the right, if necessary, to take exception to the use of Governor General's warrants which are payments urgently required for the public good. Our

acceptance now is without prejudice to that right being asserted later.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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TRADE

IMPOSITION BY UNITED STATES OF DUTY ON MICHELIN TIRES IMPORTED FROM CANADA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask leave of the House to move a motion on a subject of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the wide repercussions of the recent duties imposed by United States authorities on Michelin tires manufactured in Canada, raising consequent questions about our regional economic development policies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion meet immediately with their United States counterparts for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Americans would rescind these duties until multilateral trade talks between our two nations take place.

Mr. Speaker: Motions under Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity so the motion cannot be put and debated at this time.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

TRADE

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Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the worrisome precedent set by United States authorities in imposing a duty on Michelin