

Potatoes

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE MINISTRY

SUGGESTED CREATION OF CABINET COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT FRANCOPHONES OUTSIDE QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion.

Considering the growing concern among Francophones outside Quebec about a genuine federal program which would guarantee their cultural survival; considering that last October 27 the Secretary of State (Mr. Roberts) announced that he would soon introduce a global policy on minorities; and considering that the participation of the Federation of Francophones outside Quebec in drafting such a policy is essential, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House unanimously invite the minister in charge to create now a permanent commission within the Privy Council on which the Federation of Francophones outside Quebec would be officially represented.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED PROGRAM TO PROMOTE CONSUMPTION OF POTATOES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. In view of the decreasing per capita consumption of potatoes in Canada in recent years to an average of 154 pounds during 1971-74 from 166 pounds during 1966-70 and considering that the humble potato, the world's most important vegetable—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Corbin: —and by far the most important vegetable crop, dollar-wise, grown in Canada and for many, many other valid reasons which would test your patience, Mr. Speaker, I

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

move, seconded by the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. Wood):

That this House urges the Government of Canada to launch with the potato producing provinces a wide scale attack on the diet fadists and assorted calorie quacks who have been downgrading the nutritional value of the spud and that the governments take immediate steps to promote the natural round potato, which is without any doubt whatsoever the best priced ingredient in today's consumer basket.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

BAN ON IMPORTATION OF SEAL PELTS BY FRANCE—SUGGESTED BAN ON IMPORTATION OF CHAMPAGNE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the government of France, influenced by the qualities for which Brigitte Bardot is famed, has banned the importation into France of harp seal pelts thus damaging the interests of honest and hardworking Canadians in Newfoundland, Quebec and the northern territories who earn part of their living from the seal hunt, and in view of the fact that Canada should show some backbone in dealing with France on both seals and separatism, and since there are substitutes of better taste and quality for French champagne, a product made from grapes brutalized by human feet and other means in the production process, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe:

That Canada ban the importation of French champagne until such time as the French ban on the importation of seal pelts into France is revoked and that members of the House of Commons affirm their conviction that the interests of Canadian seal hunters far outweigh the palates of French champagne guzzlers in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Presentation of such a motion for discussion pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.