HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 17, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

USE OF NITROSAMINES IN FOOD PRODUCTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the partial ban placed on the use of sodium nitrates in bacon by the United States government because of the possible carcinogenic property of nitrosamines, and in view of the usual unwillingness of this government to state its position, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent (Mr. Holmes):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare state on motions whether she plans any changes in the use of nitrosamines which many believe pose a threat to the health of Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

GRANTS TO CENTRE FOR EXPERIMENTAL ART AND COMMUNICATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on an urgent matter relating to the same subject I raised yesterday, namely, extensive government grants to the Centre for Experimental Art and Communications in Toronto, whose chief spokesman, Amerigo Marrass, has, in addition to their already expressed support for Italian terrorism, stated in a Toronto newspaper today that the "Aldo Moro murder is just a red herring" and that "all this fuss and crying over Moro... we have to think of more important issues". I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House requests the Prime Minister, for a second time, to make a detailed statement as to why the government has given such an organization extensive sums of public money from the Department of Secretary of State and the Department of External Affairs and, specifically, for the Prime Minister to advise the House if the disgraceful statement made by the Secretary of State to

the Toronto Liberal Forum at the Sheraton Centre on May 10 represents government policy, namely, that as long as he is Secretary of State, Canada Council files detailing reasons why grants are awarded or turned down will never be open for members of parliament who have been asking for such disclosures.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

QUEBEC SALES TAX—REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL OF BILL C-56— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the unanimous resolution approved by all political parties yesterday in the National Assembly of the province of Quebec indicating strong disapproval of the federal government's intention to make direct income tax payments to Quebec citizens as a means of circumventing the constitutional authority of the government of the province of Quebec, and considering that an identical position has been taken by other provincial governments as well as by opposition parties in this House and a significant number of Liberal members of parliament, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House urges the government, in the interests of national unity, to withdraw Bill C-56 and bring forward new legislation which would specifically compensate provincial governments directly in respect of the federal government's sales tax proposal.

Mr. Speaker: The provisions of Standing Order 43 require unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.