Anti-Inflation Board

That this House order the chairman and administrator of the Anti-Inflation Board to appear before it or one of its standing committees to justify their decision in the case of the Irving company which decision is an insult to all Canadian workers.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

• (1410)

[English]

AIR CANADA

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION OF ESTEY REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. Considering the many weeks since the report of Chief Justice Estey regarding Air Canada was tabled, reflecting upon the many weeks since the resignation of the chief executive officer of Air Canada, and remembering that the last annual report of Air Canada which members of parliament have been able to peruse and question in committee with Air Canada officials was for the year 1972, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That the Minister of Transport cease acting like the Prime Minister's pet rock and instead bring forth legislation to implement at least some of the recommendations of the Estey report and expedite the immediate appointment of an executive officer to take responsibility for Air Canada, and that the standard or criterion not be one of language, religion, or any other consideration save capability for the task.

Mr. Speaker: The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

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REQUEST FOR STUDY AND ACTION BY BOARD ON FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD STUDY OF FOOD PRICES—MOTION UNDER S.O.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion under Standing Order 43. It has to do with the report of the Food Prices Review Board which shows that Canadians are paying anywhere from 4 per cent to much more for food because of concentration and lack of competition in the retail food industry. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

[Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve).]

That this House call upon the Anti-Inflation Board to immediately examine the findings of a report commissioned by the Food Prices Review Board into concentration and the lack of competition in the retail food industry, and the report conclusion that this lack of competition results in food prices that are anywhere from 4 per cent to 7 per cent too high, and further, that if these findings are substantiated, the supermarkets be directed to roll back prices forthwith.

Mr. Speaker: The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENTS CONCERNING COMMITMENTS UNDER CROP INSURANCE LEGISLATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion on an important matter to the agricultural industry in Canada. In view of the statement of the President of the Treasury Board in December, 1975 that there would be a \$10.1 million reduction in federal contributions to crop insurance, and according to provincial agreements neither side can unilaterally change its contribution to the program without having given five year's notice, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary (Mr. Whittaker):

That this House request that the President of the Treasury Board and the Minister of Agriculture be called before the Standing Committee on Agriculture immediately, the former to be questioned as to this statement, and the latter as to his commitments under existing crop insurance legislation, and to explain their positions.

Mr. Speaker: The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

RECOGNITION OF THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE BY ASSISTANT DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Mr. Speaker: I know all hon. members will join me in taking a moment before beginning the oral question period. I wish to call to the attention of all hon. members that this afternoon the Mace was carried into the chamber by the Assistant Deputy Sergeant-At-Arms who celebrates 35 years of service to the House of Commons and who is retiring on this day after that rather splendid and outstanding record. Mr. Jean-Gaston Angrignon is in this chamber at the moment, and I know all members would like to recognize that fact.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!