

corn, of which 3.3 tonnes was wheat, and in view of the fact that traditionally the Chinese market has been a Canadian one, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board take immediate steps to arrange for the appearance of Wheat Board officials before the Standing Committee on Agriculture to explain the reason for the loss of the Chinese market and other problems in the movement and sale of grain.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion can be introduced for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### LABOUR RELATIONS

#### LABOUR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTE AT INCO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to seek the unanimous consent of this House.

In view of the fact that local 6500 of the United Steel Workers of America has been on strike against the International Nickel Company of Canada for over eight weeks, that Inco has always forced its workers into strikes, even when nickel markets were good, and that this government stood by and was powerless to act when Inco laid off about 2,600 workers last fall, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instruct Inco to get itself back to the bargaining table and to offer its employees a better package than it has offered to date.

**Mr. Speaker:** As a result of recent discussions, I think hon. members will recognize that a minimum precaution which I ought to exercise, even with regard to Standing Order 43, is that motions have to be within the administrative capacity of the government, which this one does not seem to be.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### TRADE

#### IMBALANCE OF TRADE—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON STATISTICS CANADA FIGURES

**Mr. Bill Kempling (Halton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. An analysis of imports and exports of high technology end products indicates that our position deteriorated in the first

two quarters of this year. We showed a deficit of \$4.7 billion for six months.

Can the minister de-bag these facts as produced by Statistics Canada, and is this the rosy trade picture about which the minister talks?

**Hon. Jack H. Horner (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the analysis to which the hon. member refers. I will look into it. But I am quite confident that we have made gigantic strides forward in the export of end products from our country this year.

**Mr. Kempling:** Mr. Speaker, this statistic was produced by Statistics Canada and it is available to the minister. Can the minister explain why, after the government accommodated the formation of CAMCO an attempt to rationalize the white goods and appliance industry, we are importing more than \$863 million worth of domestic and commercial heating, refrigeration and air-conditioning appliances? That is a very significant market. What efforts is the minister taking, or is he going to take, to see that some of these products are produced in Canada?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, we are making great efforts to encourage Canadian production. We recognize that we must rationalize manufacturing for many of our requirements in order to meet competition. I believe that over the last six years we have lent about \$600,000 to the company to which the hon. member referred. However, I would like to check the facts. We have certainly attempted to keep manufacturers in business so that they can sell to the Canadian market.

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**Mr. Kempling:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister. The Canadian machinery industry experienced a net deficit of more than \$7 billion in the first six months of this year. Would the minister advise us whether he considers a \$7 billion domestic market to be a significant market, and can he explain why reports out of Geneva suggest that the Canadian machinery industry will not survive the GATT negotiations?

Put another way, does the minister support the sell-out of the very significant market in Canada for the machinery industry?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, \$7 billion, in relation to \$11 billion, is less. I think the hon. member is reaching conclusions which are not at all well-founded. I believe very strongly that there is a growing market for the Canadian machinery industry in Canada, and we will do everything we can to make certain that that industry reaches its goals.

#### DEFICIT UNDER CANADA-U.S. AUTO PACT—REQUEST FOR REGULAR CANADIAN REPORT

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** My question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Why does Canada have to continue to rely on reports from the