HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 10, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

SUGGESTED REINSTATEMENT OF OPTION FOR OBSERVANCE OF ST-JEAN BAPTISTE DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity affecting public servants who reside in the province of Ontario but who work in Hull, Quebec, who, without consultation or reasons are required to observe St-Jean Baptiste Day and who have been denied the option they formerly had with respect to that day. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the government rescind this new directive, which requires public servants who reside in Ontario to observe Saint-Jean Baptiste Day and reinstate the optional policy which has worked so well in former years.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon, Members: No.

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

PROPOSAL TO END PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 concerning the consumer price index figures which were released today. In light of the fact that prices have risen in the last three months at an annual rate of 10.4 per cent, that fuel and utility prices have risen in the last year by 15.8 per cent, that the cost of home ownership has risen by 11.3 per cent in the last year, that the cost of food is now beginning to rise at a rate even faster than other prices and considering that the government persists in holding down the wages and salaries of ordinary Canadians at a time when it will not hold down prices of such basic commodities, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instruct the government to end its unfair and unworkable anti-inflation program immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon, Members: No.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

INTEREST OF SENATOR DAVEY IN BLUE WATER RACING ASSOCIATES LTD.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of press reports that Senator Keith Davey, chief campaign director for the Liberal Party and confidant of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), has a controlling interest in the Blue Water Racing Associates Ltd. and has made representations to the Department of Agriculture, specifically Mr. Sid Pratt, director of parimutuel betting in the Department of Agriculture, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

(1110)

That the Minister of Agriculture make a full statement on motions, giving full particulars of the disclosure of the interest of Senator Keith Davey in Blue Water Racing Associates Ltd. to the government, on the nature of Senator Davey's representations to the Department of Agriculture and any resulting decisions

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The presentation of such motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CERTAIN MEMBERS ON TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to present a motion under Standing Order 43 which I believe the House will be happy to approve. So sure am I that the House will approve it, that I am going to ask the