HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 9, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FISHERIES

SPOILED FISH BEING SUPPLIED TO INDIAN BAND IN SKEENA, B.C.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity relating to some food provided to an Indian band in the Skeena area.

In light of the supply of low quality and even rotten fish to the Indian band in the Skeena area, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment take the necessary measures to discipline the official who selected and is now insisting that the spoiled fish be provided to the Indian band, and that the band's needs be met without further delay by supplying tinned salmon unless good quality, freezable and smokable salmon can be found.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

TESTIMONY BEFORE McDONALD COMMISSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to move under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the statement by retired RCMP security chief John Starnes at the McDonald inquiry yesterday, that only an idiot would not have been aware that the RCMP were breaking laws in the line of duty, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House consider whether Mr. Starnes' statement completely and utterly exonerates the entire cabinet from any wrongdoing.

INDUSTRY

PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I propose a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. As this country is losing manufacturing jobs at an annual rate of more than 100,000 jobs a year—

Mr. Horner: Those figures are completely false.

Mr. Hees: —and due to the fact that productivity in Canada is 20 per cent below that of the United States, our chief industrial competitor, making our products cost more and selling higher prices than theirs, and as the only answer given—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Hees: —by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner)—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would refer the hon. member to the very excellent interventions made by two or three of his colleagues who sit very close to him in the debate last Monday. If the hon. member has a motion, would he put it forthwith.

Mr. Hees: As I was saying, the only answer he gave was about airplanes.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That this House direct the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to immediately introduce productivity incentives, to be paid in direct proportion to increases in productivity, so that this country can bring its productivity at least up to that of the United States and stop the loss of more than 100,000 manufacturing jobs a year.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Horner: A point of order, Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Since the inception of the procedures which we have been following with respect to the order of business at two o'clock, every day we begin with applications pursuant to Standing Order 43, followed by the question period. The direction upon which the Chair has felt bound, and which seems to me to be quite satisfactory to all members, is that points of order during that period are taken up at three