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[English]

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

ALLEGED DISRESPECT IN COVERAGE OF HER MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS—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. In light of the failure of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to provide live coverage of the jubilee celebrations for Her Majesty, the Queen of Canada, which other North American networks managed to do, and of its failure, once it began to carry the program, to do so without a breakdown—a technical shortcoming that other networks, whether in Canada or the United States, did not experience—and in view, further, of the attitude of many of the CBC announcers and program directors, epitomized, perhaps, in the needlessly disrespectful program on Sunday morning satirizing the entire jubilee festivities, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That an investigation be ordered into the CBC's technical and program activities related to these incidents to determine where responsibility lies for thus downgrading and otherwise undermining one of Canada's most revered and honourable institutions.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent of the House for the presentation for debate of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTIONS BY FORCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter that I believe is becoming more urgent every day. In view of the continuing concern over the role of the RCMP in the following matters, the illegal break-in at L'Agence de Presse Libre in Montreal, allegations surrounding the Praxis break-in in Toronto, allegations of illegal bugging given at the inquiry in Edmonton, the conviction of RCMP officer Samson in Montreal, the inquiry into RCMP activities in New Brunswick, and in view of the information revealed by the CBC last night of the growing influence of organized crime in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House recommends a royal commission to be commenced into the question of political control over the RCMP, either in camera or otherwise as may be appropriate, and further that the specific role of the RCMP as previously referred to in the motion be included in the subject of the inquiry.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for debate under the provisions of Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

APPOINTMENTS BY ORDER IN COUNCIL

**Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question to the Acting Prime Minister relates to the research study published this morning which states that since 1968 some 200 ex-Liberal candidates or their spouses have been appointed to a variety of positions within the Canadian judiciary, regulatory agencies and the public service. No one pretends that this is a complete list. I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether he and the government condone this type of massive patronage, and whether this administration plans to continue a patronage policy which in effect will allow loyalty to the Liberal party to be such a primary qualification for appointment to public positions?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not regard the facts the hon. member refers to as constituting massive patronage.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** What would you call it?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Since 1968, I understand that on average the governor in council has made 600-plus such appointments per year.

**An hon. Member:** Give us the whole list, then.

**Mr. MacEachen:** When you look at the list of persons, whom I regard as highly qualified, the result shows considerable restraint.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Clark:** Mr. Speaker, I presume the Acting Prime Minister is saying that one or two former Liberal candidates might have been overlooked. I am sure he will consult their qualifications and find some useful reward for them. This, clearly, is a government that relies upon the practice of patronage, to the detriment of the public service. One of the aspects which concerns us very much is the effect of these political appointments to regulatory bodies and appeal agencies that are presumed to be and can be respected only if they are independent of the political party that is in office.