

Canada-United States Auto Part

the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Skoberg):

That in the opinion of this House the government should forthwith pay to the Canadian Wheat Board the full amount now due under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act, including the total due for the crop year 1970-71, and the payments due as at August 1 and September 1, 1971, as specified in the said act.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Once again I point out to hon. members that this motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There are yeas and nays, therefore there is not unanimity among hon. members and the motion cannot be put.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

ALLEGED FALSE ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 in order to test the views of the House in respect of the matter on which Your Honour ruled there was not a question of privilege. Because of the morality involved and the fact that at least one person was disadvantaged by the answer given to the House in response to a question in January of 1970 in that the answer was not, to put it mildly and politely, in accordance with the facts of the situation, I should like to ask the House, and particularly the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chrétien), whether they would agree to the following motion:

That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be authorized to inquire into the information given by the government in response to question No. 602 as shown at pages 2228 and 2229 of *Hansard* for January 12, 1970, as well as into the matter of all persons employed by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as Indian day-school caretakers.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Skeena. Again, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Again there are nays which prevent the Chair from putting the motion.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1970—REFERENCE TO
COMMITTEE TOGETHER WITH AUDITOR GENERAL'S
REPORT

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might suggest at this point

that there have been discussions, especially with the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee who is eager to get the committee under way to study the report of the Auditor General, and if there is agreement we could call that order of business, pass the motion without debate and get the committee under way to study the public accounts for the year ended March 31, 1970.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I certainly think there is agreement to pass the motion without debate, but there must be some question in the minister's mind whether this is going to be an exercise in futility if the Prime Minister seeks to dissolve Parliament one of these days.

An hon. Member: Oh, sit down.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The suggestion has been made that the motion be adopted without debate. I must inquire whether there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacEachen moved:

That the Public Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1970, tabled in the House January 12, 1971, and the Auditor General's report thereon, tabled in the House June 4, 1971, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

INDUSTRY

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—REMOVAL OF
SAFEGUARDS FOR CANADA AS PREREQUISITE TO
WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. IMPORT SURTAX

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 26 and ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the declaration by a United States official that the safeguards for Canada in the Canada-U.S. auto pact must be dropped before the U.S. import surcharge can be withdrawn and the implications of this U.S. position for an industry already experiencing serious lay-offs.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Brant has given due notice of his intention to move this motion under Standing Order 26. Meanwhile I have had an opportunity to give careful and sympathetic study to the request outlined in the motion proposed by the hon. member.

The Chair does appreciate the seriousness of the matter raised by the hon. member. It is undoubtedly one which is