

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, July 28, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSED REFERRAL OF FOURTH REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. As workers are still being urged to exercise restraint in their wage demands and in view of the difficulties we experience in trying to win increases for pensioners and veterans, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin):

That this House calls on the government not to implement any of the salary increases recommended in the fourth report of the Advisory Group on Executive Compensation in the Public Service, tabled by the Prime Minister on July 25, 1975, without referring any such proposed increases to the House of Commons before they are put into effect.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The provisions of Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of this motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—PROPOSED REMOVAL OF LEVY ON POWDERED MILK FOR EXPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since no really serious motive can justify the decision of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) to impose, effective July 1, an additional contribution of 45 cents on every hundredweight of industrial milk, which additional contribution would result in an immediate and important reduction of producers' revenues, and considering that all powdered milk surpluses could easily be sold or even given away to needy countries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the Minister of Agriculture immediately rescind this legislation.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT VIEW OF RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): I have a number of questions I should like to direct to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, but I want first of all, by way of an introduction, to wish him a pleasant and fruitful journey to Helsinki.

[English]

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, in light of the Prime Minister's upcoming trip to Helsinki, I ask him to advise the House if he believes in self-determination and if he will put forth at the conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe Canada's views on the matter of self-determination of nation states?

[Translation]

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his good wishes and can assure him that I will do my best to represent not only the views of Canada but those of the Atlantic alliance. As the hon. member knows, we have discussed in caucus all those problems of the NATO countries. We have reached a certain agreement which I think represents a significant development towards détente. As for the hon. member's question, I can assure him that I will be pleased to table in the House on my return the particulars of the agreement to be signed.

[English]

Mr. Wagner: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the Prime Minister's remarks, will the Prime Minister advise the House if he intends to make representations to Mr. Brezhnev, to allow self-determination in the Baltic states and in eastern Europe?