

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 9, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTION MINISTER CO-ORDINATE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL INSPECTION OF MEAT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 dealing with the very serious and current situation involving the dead meat scandal in Quebec and Ontario and the obvious very close association of this issue with meat inspection in Canada today.

Mr. Speaker, it is now quite apparent that this very critical situation is a cause of grave concern to every cattle producer in Canada today since consumer resistance to beef purchases because of this scandal has already dropped our fat cattle markets by some \$3 to \$4 per hundredweight all across the country. It is a situation over which producing cattlemen have almost no control. It is a black mark against Canada's cattle industry.

Cattlemen feel that the sale of tainted meat is a criminal activity of the worst sort, and even though current publicity has already seriously curtailed beef consumption, we are thankful that this activity has been brought to light. This is the only way that public opinion can be focused on the matter and insist on adequate legislated regulations.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That the Minister of Agriculture use his good office as a federal minister to ensure that both federal meat inspection under his health of animals branch and the various provincial meat inspection agencies are properly and quickly co-ordinated to ensure that all meats offered for sale in Canada, for human consumption, are adequately inspected by either federal or provincial authorities.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43. It cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

[Translation]

### INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR AID TO MINING INDUSTRY OF NORTHWEST QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the disastrous economic conditions affecting the mines of northwest Quebec, the price of copper is now down to 57 cents a pound, which has forced some mining companies to close down and others to wait for a price increase before resuming production, and since certain mines, as a result of rising salaries and costs of materials, have seen their shares chop from \$1.02 in 1974 to 68 cents in 1975, now expect they will be forced to close down, I move seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House request the government to consider the possibility of providing assistance to the mining industry, and especially to the miners, and of giving a new impetus to the economy of that area which has been in a terrible state of stagnation since the beginning of the year.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. 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:** As there is no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

### AGRICULTURE

PROPOSAL MINISTER REIMBURSE PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE ACT ADMINISTRATION FOR FUNDS USED FOR OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) continues to stress to farmers what a good Minister of Agriculture he is—

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

**Mr. Towers:** —and how much he is accomplishing for them, and while that same minister is smiling to their faces and shaking their hands, his other hand is in their pockets—