Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43, as the hon. minister well knows, is usable only upon the unanimous consent of the House, and I have yet to learn of any restriction upon what this House can do by unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacFarlane: I should like to rest assured that the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker), when referring to my voice—

Some hon. Members: Louder.

Mr. MacFarlane: When referring to my voice, the right hon. member should recognize the human frailty of his own ears and not accuse me of not having answered, because I did.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon, Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Allard) which was negatived on the following division:

(1140)

## (Division No. 17)

YEAS Messrs.

Allard Baker (Grenville-Carleton) Beatty Brewin Cadieu Caquette (Villeneuve) Coates Crouse Darling Diefenbaker Dinsdale Dionne (Kamouraska) Fairweather Fraser Gilbert Halliday

Hamilton Marshall (Qu'Appelle-Moose McCleave Mountain) McGrath McKenzie Hees Huntington McKinley Jelinek Muir Kempling Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich) Knowles (Winnipeg Murta North Centre) Neil Knowles Nowlan (Norfolk-Haldimand) Oberle Korchinski Paproski Lambert Peters Reynolds (Edmonton West) Lawrence MacDonald (Miss) Rodriguez Saltsman (Kingston and the Stanfield Islands) Stevens MacLean Whiteway Whittaker Macquarrie Malone Yewchuk-51

> NAYS Messrs

Allmand Andras (Port Arthur) Andres (Lincoln) Appolloni (Mrs.) Béchard Bégin (Miss) Blais

## Oral Questions

Messrs

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Joyal Kaplan Lachance Lajoie Langlois Laniel Lapointe Leblanc (Laurier) LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent) Lefebyre Lessard Loiselle (Chambly) Lumley MacDonald (Cardigan) Macdonald (Rosedale) MacFarlane MacGuigan Mackasev Maine Marceau Marchand (Langelier) Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo)

Milne Morin (Mrs.) Munro (Hamilton East) Nicholson (Miss) O'Connell Ouellet Parent Pearsall Pelletier (Hochelaga) Philbrook Poulin Railton Richardson Robinson Rooney Sharp Smith (Saint-Jean) Stanbury Stewart (Cochrane) Stollery Tessier

McIsaac

Tessier Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) Watson Whelan Young—85

• (1220)

Guilbault

Herbert

Hopkins

(St. Boniface)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion defeated.

## **ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

## PUBLIC SERVICE

THREATENING STRIKE—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO AVERT

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the President of the Treasury Board. Can the minister advise the House the state of the negotiations between the Government of Canada and the general trades who are now in a position to strike? Does the minister intend to do everything possible to avoid a strike and so avoid the disturbance to the public who are absolutely defenceless in these matters and whose rights, frankly, are paramount of override certain private rights.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, it is true that the union is in a position to strike. The employees have not gone on strike yet. The parties met yesterday and another meeting is scheduled for this afternoon. We are doing everything we can to settle the dispute.

[English]

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister confirm that the union in question is voting on a new conciliation report which is being presented both to the government and to