

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 23, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PROTEST AGAINST REMOVAL OF SUBSIDY ON POWDERED SKIM MILK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the statement by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) at the Food Conference that there is a nutrition crisis in Canada, in view of the fact that prices in Canada have risen by 15 per cent in the past year, and in view of the fact that low income earners already hit by food price inflation will have to pay approximately 34 cents more per pound for powdered skim milk as a result of the removal of the consumer subsidy by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) and, further, that this will adversely affect already declining farm incomes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Wise):

That in the opinion of this House the government should not remove the consumer subsidy on powdered skim milk.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION INTO REOPENING OF WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek the unanimous consent of the House. In light of the findings recorded in the interim report of the west coast oil ports inquiry, suggesting that there is confusion surrounding the need to continue the inquiry, and in view of the restraints placed upon the commissioner by the order in council of December 22, I move, seconded by the hon. member Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and the Environment be charged with investigating the problem of whether or not the west coast oil ports inquiry be reactivated, under what terms and conditions, and that Dr. Thompson, the present commissioner, be amongst the first witnesses to be called.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for discussion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REMOVAL OF SUBSIDY ON POWDERED SKIM MILK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) has dropped the consumer subsidy for skim milk powder from his estimates, without warning or explanation. Because this will mean a 40 per cent increase in the cost of skim milk powder for large, low income families that depend on it, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House directs the Minister of Agriculture to revise his estimates to include the consumer skim milk powder subsidy or other measures to subsidize milk for low income families in this country.

**Mr. Speaker:** Unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion is required. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### NATIONAL SECURITY

REASON RUSSIAN MEMBER OF PRESS GALLERY NOT EXPELLED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 with regard to an intelligence report of March, 1976, furnished to the interdepartmental committee on security and intelligence—the intelligence advisory committee and the security committee of the cabinet—concerning Alexander Aleksandrovich Palladin, a representative in the parliamentary press gallery of the Russian Novosti press agency, who is named in this intelligence report as a member of the Russian