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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

OUTBREAK OF BRUCELLOSIS AMONG CATTLE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask leave of the House to move a motion of great concern to farmers in my constituency and in other places across Canada. I ask permission to move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That in view of the extreme concern of farmers in Leeds and Grenville counties resulting from the outbreak of brucellosis among cattle in the area, this House requests the government to enunciate a clear policy on the matter of whether or not to vaccinate cattle against this disease in place of the present so-called de-emphasizing program, and also this House requests the government to bring compensation payments for cattle necessarily destroyed because of brucellosis more in line with current market values.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not, and therefore, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM ANDREW CECIL BENNETT, FORMER PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I should like to draw the attention of hon. members to the presence in the gallery opposite of the Honourable William Andrew Cecil Bennett, a distinguished Canadian, and long-time premier of British Columbia.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Oral Questions

[Translation]

ENERGY

TABLING OF CONVENTION CONCERNING CREATION OF HYDRO-QUEBEC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY ENGINEERING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Herbert Breau (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I would like to table copies in both official languages of an agreement between the government of Canada, the government of Quebec and Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission concerning the cooperation of the government of Canada in the establishment and development of the Hydro-Quebec Research Institute and at the same time, I would also like to table, pursuant to the same Standing Order, a copy of the annual report of the Columbia River Treaty Engineering Board for the period from October 1, 1972 to September 30, 1973.

[English]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—MEASURES TO PROTECT SMALL INVESTORS AGAINST EROSION OF INVESTMENTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. the Prime Minister relating to one or two aspects of the government's anti-inflationary program not mentioned in the Speech from the Throne. First, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he has any measures in mind to enable the ordinary, small Canadian saver or investor to protect himself or herself against the kind of erosion in the purchasing value of his investment that was suffered last year, 10 per cent, in face of a similar threat this year? Can the House expect the Prime Minister to present any measure which will offer some safeguard to the small Canadian saver?

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe it was indicated in the Speech from the Throne that we are very much in favour of taking specific action in specific cases. The Leader of the Opposition asks me if we have measures in mind. Yes, Mr. Speaker. The cabinet is looking at various approaches. As to when they will be announced, I am afraid the Leader of the Opposition will have to exercise his usual patience.

Mr. Stanfield: No doubt, Mr. Speaker, this will unfold as the universe unfolds.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!