

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 24, 1974

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FLOODS

PRAIRIE PROVINCES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I request the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion in a case of urgent and pressing necessity. The devastating effect of the unprecedented floods in the western provinces upon thousands of prairie residents and municipalities is now clearly recorded. Federal and provincial authorities, and the people themselves, are fighting to contain the damage. There are joint federal-provincial partial compensation programs which will come into effect after the floods recede and the damages are assessed in each and every particular case. However, there is an urgent and pressing necessity for a program of immediate financial aid to carry these thousands of citizens through the crisis—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I appreciate the importance and urgency of the matter to which the hon. member is referring, but perhaps at this point he would come to the motion he proposes for the consideration of the House.

Mr. Murta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will get to my motion. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the government, out of moneys available in the contingencies or other fund, provide immediate interim financial aid to the citizens and municipalities suffering financial hardship and loss from prairie flood conditions; and, in view of the devastating and unforeseeable force of these floods, be prepared to supply additional financial aid to the prairie provinces over and above the present federal-provincial disaster compensation scheme.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion requires the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BEEF PRICES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, I seek the consent of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion arising from the continued uncertainty in the matter of beef prices and the urgent need for a statement on government policy in this regard. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Harney):

That this House direct the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to make an immediate statement on motions with respect to beef prices.

Mr. Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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TRANSPORT

RAILWAY RELOCATION AND GRADE CROSSINGS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43 that may bear some striking similarity to the motion the hon. member for New Westminster endeavoured to introduce yesterday. In view of the fact Bill C-27 will permit the federal government to aid in the relocation of railways, the rerouting of rail traffic and the improvement of rail safety and security at railway grade crossings, and in view of the fact that this assistance is desperately needed by all Canadians, particularly, I might say, within the Sudbury riding, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nipissing (Mr. Blais):

That consent be granted by this House for the passage of all stages of Bill C-27 today.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, we are in favour of moving this bill forward quickly but it should be done in the proper