Income Tax Return Deadline

Mr. Speaker: I feel sorry to have to report to the hon. [Translation] member that there is not unanimous consent.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty to inform the House that an objection signed by the hon. members for St. John's East, Gander-Twillingate, St. John's West, George's-St. Barbe, Bonavista-Trinity-Conception, Burin-Burgeo, Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador, Assiniboia, Cape Breton Highlands-Canso and Dauphin has been filed with me pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, R.S.C., 1970, to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Newfoundland.

If the House agrees, I would suggest that the text of the objection be printed as an appendix to today's Votes and Proceedings. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

INCOME TAX

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING RETURNS— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity. In view of the fact that an extremely large number of people find it necessary to seek outside help to complete their income tax forms and that a number of firms whose business it is to prepare these returns have stated that they will not be able to complete all their customers returns by the April 30 deadline, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot (Mr. Jarvis):

That this House urges the government to extend the deadline for income tax returns by one month.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair would have doubts about the procedural acceptability of the motion. Hon. members know that even a motion submitted under the terms of Standing Order 43 ought to conform with the practice of the House. Again I suggest to hon. members it is perhaps easier to ascertain whether there is unanimous consent and if there should be unanimous consent then we might consider the procedural implications of the motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will have heard, as I did, that there is not unanimous consent with respect to his motion.

[Mr. Speaker.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RETURN OF LAND TO ARMENIANS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing

It will be 58 years ago on April 24 next that 1,500,000 Armenians were the victims of a first genocide. But the treaty of Sèvres, to which Canada had adhered, provided for the restitution of their lands to the Armenians, and because the purposes of this treaty have not yet been achieved, I move, seconded by the hon, member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs, in the preparation of the Canadian position for the United Nations convention on genocide, take into account the Armenian viewpoint to recognize the humanitarian gesture of thousands of Armenians who generously give blood to the Canadian Red Cross.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion. 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 the hon. member's motion cannot be put.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[English]

1971 TAXATION FORMS

Question No. 45-Mr. Coates:

- 1. For the taxation year 1971, how many types of forms were available for the payment of income tax to the government?
- 2. Of the types of forms produced (a) what was the actual number of each ordered by the Department of National Revenue (b) who produced the forms in question (c) what was the cost of producing each type of form?
- 3. How many types of income tax forms are available for the taxation year 1972 and (a) who produced the forms (b) in what volume (c) at what cost?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): In so far as the Department of National Revenue, Taxation, is concerned: 1. For the taxation year 1971, there were two individual income tax forms, a T1 Short and T1 General.

2. (a) Number of T1 Shorts, including 1 Schedule, 12,-593,000; Number of T1 Generals, including 5 Schedules, 3,731,000; (b) Produced by Drummond Business Forms