

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 15, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HARBOURS

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF FIRE TUG FOR ST. JOHN'S—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the tragic incident in St. John's Harbour in September when the Portuguese sidetrailer *Vasco D'Orey* caught fire in St. John's harbour causing loss of life and threatening a major disaster in the harbour at St. John's, since no fire tug is now provided for that port and in view of the agreement of the chairman of the St. John's port authority, the Liberal candidate in the St. John's West by-election, that the authority needs and is lobbying for a new multi-purpose tug which would include fire-fighting equipment, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the government of Canada make funds available to the port authority of St. John's for the purchase of a new multi-purpose tug including fire-fighting equipment in order to be properly prepared to take action to save lives and to save the harbour of St. John's in the event of any other shipboard fires in that harbour.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion pursuant to the standing order only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO PROTECT ACRYLIC YARN AND SWEATER MANUFACTURERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo-Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to urge the House to take action on a matter of pressing urgency. YarnTex Holdings Limited, which operates plants in both Quebec and Ontario has reduced its work force by some 500 people in the past two years. Moreover, spokesmen for the Canadian sweat-

er industry, which employs about 8,000 people, suggest that if the trend to closings in the acrylic yarn sector continues, the sweater industry would also find its future in jeopardy, and possible lay-offs there could become imminent.

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner) has had in his possession since early November the report of the Textile and Clothing Board on acrylic yarns, and so far no action has been taken on this serious matter. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House call upon the government to take immediate steps to protect both the acrylic yarn industry, and also the sweater industry, and to make those steps known to this House without further delay.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion at this time only with the unanimous consent of this House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST GOVERNMENT INTRODUCE MEASURE TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG FARMERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to deal with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that several dairy producers are now facing quota problems, which has prompted them to demand additional quotas; considering that the prices they must pay are often out of proportion with a fair production income, thus discouraging them further; and considering also that many young farmers could not only obtain an additional quota, but saw the one which they already had restricted by a harmful government policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That the federal government take immediately the necessary steps to introduce legislation aimed at helping rather than discouraging, as is the case at present, our young farmers who are eager to relieve their seniors.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.