

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, October 16, 1974

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

First report of Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs in both official languages—Mr. Isabelle.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANADA'S ABSTENTION FROM UN VOTE CONCERNING PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity concerning the abstention by Canada's representatives on the resolution under which the Palestinian Liberation Organization was granted the right to participate in a special General Assembly debate on the Middle East in November.

Because of the government's lack of courage and tergiversation, and without having brought the matter before the House of Commons for consideration, Canada has been placed by its abstention in a position of being against the state of Israel whose people have suffered so terribly for many months from the ruthless guerilla attacks of the PLO. I would therefore move:

That this question be placed immediately before the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43. It cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Without there being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

AGRICULTURE

REPORTS ON EGG PRICES AND CONSUMER INTEREST IN MARKETING BOARDS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. James. A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I have given prior notice of my motion to the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Reid).

On October 1, 1974, at page 15 of *Hansard* the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) is reported to have informed the House that the report of the Farm Products Marketing Council, arising out of the first report of the Food Prices Review Board on egg prices in Canada, which was released in January of this year would be presented shortly thereafter. Furthermore, on October 4, 1974, at page 132 of *Hansard*, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) is reported to have said that he would be releasing the Forbes report on consumer interest in marketing boards the following week. In view of the importance of these two reports to the special committee that is being set up to inquire into the activities of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, I should like to move:

That these reports be tabled at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43. It cannot be debated without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There being no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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FINANCE

SUGGESTED LOWERING OF INTEREST RATES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss an important and urgent issue.

Owing to the frightening reduction of investments in the Canadian economy as a result of overly high interest rates on short and long-term mortgages in Canadian banks, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the government consider the opportunity of asking the Bank of Canada to reduce gradually its interest and prime rates to chartered banks, in order that those banks may also act accordingly and reduce