HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 19, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON U.S. BEER— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that employees at Manitoba breweries have been on strike for several weeks, thus depriving citizens of that province of beer during a time of suffocating heat, and in view of the federal government's apparent lack of concern regarding the plight of the Manitoba drinker, particularly the working man who cannot always afford the higher-priced spirits, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Smith):

That this House instruct the Minister of Finance to do the following: first, remove the customs duty on American beer until the strike is over, thus enabling thirsty Manitobans to bring beer back from neighbouring North Dakota and Minnesota at reasonable prices; second, to relax the import rules relating to bilingual labelling of beer until the strike is over. This, combined with the lifting of the duty, would enable American distributors to supply the Manitoba market with beer without having to alter labelling techniques.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

NATIONAL MUSEUMS

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a deeply disturbing matter. In view of the fact that the government has refused to appoint Ms. Jennifer McQueen as Secretary General of the National Museums of Canada, thus providing yet another example of discrimination in senior public service appointments, following as it does a similar case involving the Anti-Dumping Tribunal, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House condemns the government's repeated failures to promote qualified women to senior government positions and urges the Prime Minister to reverse this most recent example of discrimination by appointing Ms. McQueen as the new Secretary General of the National Museums of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FISHERIES

CANADA-U.S. AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES AND BOUNDARIES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Having regard to the meeting today being held in Ottawa to resume negotiations for a permanent Canada-United States bilateral agreement on fisheries and boundaries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen):

That this House approve an open-ended reference permitting the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry to meet, as circumstances warrant, to examine matters related to these important conversations.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

TRANSPORT

CREATION OF MERCHANT MARINE TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that thousands of Canadian shipyard workers are unemployed, considering that it would be in the general interest of Canada to set up a merchant marine contributing to