

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 25, 1976

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

SUGGESTED PROHIBITION OF THE EXTENSION OF BILINGUAL TRAFFIC CONTROL UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY PARLIAMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to propose a motion under Standing Order 43, the urgency and pressing circumstances of which are quite apparent. I therefore move:

That as a basis for resumption of air transport the government forthwith put before the House a motion that there be no alteration and extension of bilingual air traffic control unless and until parliament has enacted legislation to that effect.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REASON INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED DEFRAUDING OF COMMISSION IN OTTAWA AREA CEASED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity stemming from events occurring subsequent to the matter I raised Monday with regard to the fact that three Unemployment Insurance Commission investigators and the RCMP were working full time on an investigation into defrauding the Unemployment Insurance Commission in the Ottawa area and examining the possibility that such defrauding was connected with trafficking in narcotics.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Minister of Manpower and Immigration advise the House immediately as to why, with his approval, removal was made within 24 hours of the matter being raised in the House Monday of the Unemployment Insurance Commission investigators working full time on this case, and finally, that the Minister advise the House all reasons why Real Meilleur, chief benefit control officer, and two former Ottawa police officers, Mike Richard and Claude Charron, were instructed to cease forthwith any further investigation into this matter.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PROPOSED IMPARTIAL HEARING FOR SERGEANT JOSEPH PRIMEAU—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 with reference to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and to emphasize, as a matter of principle, another example of unnecessary, unjust and arbitrary treatment of a fine officer, Sergeant Joseph L. N. Primeau, who completed almost 23 years of good service to the force.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That Joseph L. N. Primeau be given a fair and impartial hearing and review of the circumstances involved in his discharge, which circumstances involved, among other things, further ramifications of the Securex matter, which has had widespread repercussions on the force, and which has graphically illustrated certain policy deficiencies and weaknesses in the upper echelons of the RCMP.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO SAFETY OF BILINGUAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport. Now that it has been possible to compare more carefully the two versions of the terms of reference, the one agreed to by all parties involved and the new one prepared for the two new commissioners, could the minister explain why it was