

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 22, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

MR. LAMBERT (BELLECHASSE)—INACCURACY OF
CANADIAN PRESS REPORT

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. As a result of the opposition motion I presented last week on behalf of my party, the Canadian Press, unintentionally, I am sure, published what I feel certain is an inaccurate and unfair report, and I quote:

The solution favoured by the Ralliement Cr ditiste, on the contrary, would be abolishment of the Bank of Canada and granting to each citizen a national dividend proportionate to his needs.

I suggest what should have been reported is that the Creditistes, on the contrary, propose "using" the Bank of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must interrupt the hon. member. At any rate, I take it for granted that he has stated his case with regard to the account given of a speech he made in the House last week. I wish to point out to the hon. member that the Chair has not received the notice required under our Standing Orders and, in the circumstances, the matter cannot be discussed further.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF 1971 EASTER SEAL "TIMMY"

Mr. Jean-R. Roy (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, I wish to point out the presence in the Gallery of Denis Lapalme, from my riding, who is Canada's 1971 "Timmy".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

● (2:10 p.m.)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization—Mr. Blair.

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

LABOUR CONDITIONS

FULL EMPLOYMENT AS ECONOMIC GOAL—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43. In view of the doubt created by the annual report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada, which suggests that full employment should not be sought because slack in the economy is necessary to keep inflationary pressures in check, and in view of the need for a clear commitment to a full employment policy by this House, I would like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House affirms that full employment remains a priority economic goal for this country and that employment for all who are willing and able to work is a social right.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. The motion, to be moved under Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous agreement. The motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO
MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G rard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to move a motion under Standing Order 43. I do so on account of the outrageous and inflammatory statement made by the Governor of the Bank of Canada, Mr. Rasminsky, during last weekend, to wit that unemployment is a necessary evil to avoid price increases. This statement suggests that nothing will be done to find jobs for the unemployed and other persons seeking work. It is urgent to know what the government intends to do in that connection.

This is why I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. T trault):

That the question of unemployment in Canada be submitted to the consideration of the proper committee and that the salary of the Governor of the Bank of Canada be reduced to the average income level of the unemployed and this until normal employment conditions are restored in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Abitibi. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

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