

Business of the House

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Pringle	Yanakis—71.

• (2120)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON STANDING ORDER 43

Mr. Charles-Eugène Dionne (Kamouraska): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to debate the following problem: the necessity of depolluting the Standing Orders of the House, the ambiguity of which is detrimental to the smooth running of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker, a stop must be put to the frustration of the freedom of representatives of the people through cumbersome and prejudicial procedures and regulations. Therefore, under Standing Order 43, I move:

That a debate be held on Standing Order 43.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has submitted his motion. He might want to let the Chair have a copy of it.

The House has heard the motion brought forward by the hon. member for Kamouraska. The motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there such unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion therefore cannot be put.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

INCREASE IN SLEEPING CAR RATES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, it has been stated that I sympathize with you for what has happened [Mr. Peters.]

today. I was glad that you mentioned in the House that Standing Order 43—

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has recognized the hon. member to enable him to introduce a motion under Standing Order 43 and he should do so without making a speech.

Mr. Gauthier: I merely wanted to say, Mr. Speaker, that we were pleased to hear you say that such standing order has been in effect for 100 years. I wonder if it has always been used as today.

As you know, I have never introduced a motion under Standing Order 43, but just wait for the others. I have never proposed a motion under Standing Order 43, because I have always found it was ridiculous, but when ridicule defeats one, one uses the same weapons as other people.

That is why I ask, under Standing Order 43, unanimous consent of the House—and I trust it will be granted as it was to my liberal friends—to discuss a most pressing matter of interest to the users of the Canadian National, namely the recent increase of 40 per cent in the sleeper rates applied since June 1972. In view of the fact that services have been reduced considerably and have deteriorated over the last few years, I move—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member must come to his motion, otherwise we will have to go on to another item.

Mr. Gauthier: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That this House study the possibility of deferring to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications the new increase of 40 per cent in sleeper and roomette accommodation on the Canadian National since June 1, 1972.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. Therefore the motion cannot be put.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

REFERRAL OF QUESTION TO STANDING COMMITTEE FOR STUDY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of the position taken by the Quebec Minister of Social Affairs and the correspondence between the Premier of Quebec and the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau), I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That an order be given to this House for that whole question to be referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs so that it may be better understood and studied.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.