

Canadian Citizenship Act

to raise at this time an urgent question of national interest related to the dire situation of mail transportation in Montreal. Under Standing Order 43, I seek unanimous consent of the House to put forward, seconded by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent, the following motion:

That the matter of mail transportation employees in Montreal be immediately referred to the appropriate committee of the House, with instructions to review the cause of the conflict, ways and means of bringing it to an end, accusations brought by the minister against the union and vice versa and all other related questions.

Mr. Speaker, if the House will allow me to give some explanations—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Orders do not allow the hon. member to give explanations. If he refers to them, he will see that he can comment on the urgency of the motion that he is bringing in.

It should never be forgotten that we have to differentiate between Standing Order 26 and Standing Order 43 and I have already taken the liberty to suggest that Standing Order 26 having been modified, we should not place ourselves in a situation where we disregard the decision taken by the House to change the procedure as regards urgent matters.

Under Standing Order 43, the hon. member is free to indicate to the House the urgency of the matter that he is moving for consideration under his motion.

Mr. Valade: I thank you, Mr. Speaker. I intended to explain to the House the urgency of the matter and then to state why it is urgent.

A disastrous situation prevails, affecting the whole economy of Canada, both economically and socially. In fact, as reported in *Hansard* on February 10, the minister stated, and I quote:

I may say that we are quite disturbed and I intend to go down to Montreal tonight. We are concerned about the violence and also the threats by the union to disclose various public activities that have been engaged in in recent years.

Those words spoken by the minister clearly indicate that the question is urgent and of national importance. The whole postal system is presently disrupted.

Welfare recipients no longer receive in due time, as they should, their allowances. The stability of businesses is threatened, since the collection of bills is slowed down. It is a problem which affects the whole Canadian economy and especially the metropolis.

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The minister promised the House that he would take the necessary steps to settle that conflict. Up to now, conditions have worsened, and each time the minister intervenes in the conflict, the situation gets worse. The minister must tell us what measures he intends to take to settle that conflict. I am asking the House, if the minister is unable to reply to my question, to agree that the matter be referred to the committee concerned.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion put forward by the hon. member for Sainte-Marie.

Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the motion cannot be formally introduced to the House without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

[English]

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT**MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP TO CERTAIN PERSONS**

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-185, to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Badanai: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to allow the granting of citizenship to persons to whom citizenship has been denied because of membership in organizations considered subversive, who have not been involved in subversive activities, have no criminal record against them, and can qualify for citizenship in every other respect.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: Oral questions.

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Mr. Alexander: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, if my information is correct, last night the Prime Minister had a little supper with several mayors and reeves, and I thought he would make a statement this afternoon with respect to the many matters discussed—the constitution, urban renewal and a