

[Translation]

Mr. Charles-Eugène Dionne (Kamouraska): Mr. Speaker, I have just been given the minister's statement. I note that he wants to keep the House informed about the activities of his department. I also note that the accelerated program is helping to speed up the decisions. Moreover—and this surprises me somewhat—the statement says about the procedures to follow:

—these have been reduced to one to four weeks on Chilean nationals and two months duration for others.

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I understand that these are special circumstances and especially in the name of humanitarian feelings, we do not object to helping people in trouble. However, we must not forget that Canada has a yet unsolved unemployment problem. We should therefore take care of the many people that we shall be bringing in from foreign countries, as this will certainly not help our unemployment situation.

It is also in order to mention, since this has happened before, that we should take some precautions to prevent Canada from becoming a shelter for political refugees who could contribute in bringing trouble to the Canadian people.

Once again, we do not object to this for special cases after the background checks have been made, but we should act with a lot of prudence.

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SPORTS

VIOLENCE IN JUNIOR HOCKEY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity of which I have notified the responsible minister.

Considering that it is the duty of each Canadian citizen to see to the constant improvement of our national sport, hockey and that among juniors brutality if not violence seems to become the main attraction according to certain recent reports, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this House unanimously invite the minister responsible for amateur sports in Canada to consider the possibility of a thorough inquiry regarding violence among juniors, in order to make those involved in junior hockey in Canada understand that for young people, at that stage, hockey should be in the first place a training school in the best interests of our national sport.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity, so the motion cannot be put.

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker—

Shortage of Sorel Metal

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Joliette.

Mr. La Salle: I have not really heard those who oppose my motion. I felt the whole House had agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall inquire again. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED HALTING OF CONSTRUCTION OF JAMES BAY HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity to the negative people of James Bay. Since the Supreme Court of Canada has decided not to hear the appeal of the James Bay Indians against continued construction of the massive hydroelectric project which Mr. Justice Malouf describes as causing irreparable damage to the native population, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rocky Mountain (Mr. Clark):

That this House instruct the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to arrange with the Quebec government for an immediate halt to construction until such time as an acceptable political settlement of the Indian claims can be negotiated.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands. It requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There does not appear to be unanimity.

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INDUSTRY

SHORTAGE OF SOREL METAL—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity having regard to the critical shortages of sorel metal in this country, a commodity on which many industries are heavily dependent. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie):

That the shortages of sorel metal be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs and furthermore that the government give immediate consideration to taking interim measures to ensure an adequate supply of this commodity.