

*Unemployment Insurance***ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****COMMENDATION OF TORONTO POLICE ON SUCCESSFULLY DEALING WITH HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion about an important public matter. As members of the House will be aware, last night in Toronto at about 11.30 p.m. a hostage-taking incident involving 13 hostages came to an end peacefully. The successful conclusion of this incident, which ended without any injury, gave yet another example of the courageous and dedicated service given all Canadians by the police forces of this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Beatty: I would ask the unanimous consent of the House to move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That this House commends the members of the metropolitan Toronto police force for their courage and efficiency in bringing the hostage-taking incident of March 21, 1977 to a peaceful conclusion and it recognizes with appreciation the daily contribution of the police forces from across Canada whose bravery and dedication help to preserve the lives and safety of all Canadians.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some reservations about the urgent and pressing necessity of using the Standing Order in this way to extend these kinds of congratulations. It puts a very invidious choice upon the House as to whether such a motion should be debated or passed without debate. Nevertheless, under the circumstances I will put the motion. The unanimous consent of the House is required for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE OF CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I rise in accordance with Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the harmful effects of Bill C-27 and the proposed changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act, and in view of the new opposition to the requirements that jobless people work 12 weeks a year instead of the present eight, to qualify for unemployment insurance benefits, which will have a drastic effect in all parts of Canada, and in particular the Atlantic provinces, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

[Mr. Speaker.]

That this House do urge the government to amend or withdraw Bill C-27 in order to maintain the present criteria in qualifying for unemployment insurance benefits.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate pursuant to the Standing Order can only be done with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE**SUGGESTION MINISTER NOT ESTABLISH MARKETING BOARD FOR BEEF PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that beef producers in the province of Manitoba, by the way of a referendum on March 18, 1977, overwhelmingly denounced the concept of a beef marketing board, a position that underscores the petition containing 5,000 signatures that I tabled in the House of Commons on December 14, 1976, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That this House requests the Minister of Agriculture to refrain from dictating the marketing board concept in the face of such obvious producer resistance.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion pursuant to the standing order can only be done with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE**SUGGESTION GOVERNMENT NOT ACT ON RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE SALARIES OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES**

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. It concerns the report the Prime Minister tabled yesterday of the government's advisory group on executive compensation. Given the restraint program to which the government says it is committed, will the Prime Minister give the House of Commons an undertaking now that the government will not allow senior civil servants' salaries to rise to the levels recommended by the advisory group on executive compensation?