Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

GRAIN

COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parkdale-High Park): Madam Speaker, I seek the attention of all hon. members of this House. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Having recently returned from a visit to my native province of Saskatchewan I have become acutely aware of a very serious problem affecting western grain farmers. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister made a commitment to western grain farmers that they would be paid compensation because of the boycott policy of the previous government directed toward the sale of grain to the Soviet Union, and in light of the fact that many of these western grain farmers urgently need seeding money for the new crop year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That this House give unanimous support to the government to act as soon as possible to provide the details of compensation for the western grain farmers to eliminate any further hardships that they may suffer as a result of this grain embargo.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADA PENSION PLAN

PROCESSING OF DISABILITY PENSIONS-MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I have reviewed this motion with the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) and the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Collenette), and I believe they will be comfortable with it.

Canadians suffering from a terminal illness, such as cancer, are naturally concerned about the financial well-being of their families. The greatest enemy of these people is time. Canada Pension Plan disability procedures are not set up to give any consideration to the severe problems these people face. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That this House instruct the Minister of National Health and Welfare to study the possibility of setting up priority processing of disability pensions for Canadians suffering from a terminal illness. Oral Questions

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMS AFFECTING NEW BRUNSWICK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The province of New Brunswick and its premier have been threatened by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin), the Minister of Indians Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Munro), and the member for Restigouche (Mr. Harquail), with economic sanction, unfairly, unjustifiably and indefensibly. Despite the fact that they are more pomp and poop, there are citizens questioning the influence of these members. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That the political minister for New Brunswick, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, reassure the people that the government intends to honour all its commitments and will continue to participate in such programs as the general development agreement and primary highway strengthening program as in the past.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

PROGRESS OF TALKS BETWEEN PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister, who will know that Premier Sterling Lyon has reported that the eight provinces meeting now in Manitoba have made some progress toward agreement on constitutional proposals which will be far more acceptable to more Canadians than the constitutional proposal that is now before the House of Commons. In light of that progress that is being made, will the Prime Minister tell