Tuesday, February 20, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EMPLOYMENT

ALLEGED INVASION OF PRIVACY AT MANPOWER CENTRES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move the following motion under Standing Order 43.

Whereas a so-called bilingual survey is being conducted in certain Canada Manpower centres across Canada, and whereas such a survey is at present being conducted at the Canada Manpower centre in Moncton whereby certain persons entering the office of the Canada Manpower centre are asked certain questions and, furthermore, among other things, telephone calls to the Manpower centre are being listened to by a so-called silent listener without notice being given to the caller, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration cause these surveys to be halted and, in particular, the silent listener procedure on the telephone system which is a patent trespass on the privacy of individuals calling in.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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CALL FOR UPGRADING OF CANADIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas the then minister of science and technology last June announced the government's intention to stimulate the low level of Canadian research and development with an enlightened government procurement policy, and whereas despite opposition questioning no regulations are yet in place

to achieve this important purpose, I move, seconded by the hon, member for High Park-Humber Valley (Mr. Jelinek):

That the Minister of Supply and Services be directed to treat this as a matter of urgency and make a statement on motions explaining the delay on this important matter.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced for debate at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

• (1410)

LABOUR DISPUTES

SECTOR BARGAINING-MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity having to do with the damaging fact that the number of man-days lost as a result of strikes and walk-outs in the first 11 months of 1978 increased by 141.3 per cent over the previous year, from 2.9 million in 1977 to over 7 million in 1978, mostly as a result of the fragmentation of union power.

Bearing in mind that as far back as February 14, 1975, the present Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien), then president of the treasury board, promised that a bill on sector bargaining would be brought before the House, only for us to find the Minister of Labour exactly three years later—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Jelinek: I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Huron-Middlesex (Mr. McKinley):

That the government introduce forthwith legislation requiring union groups in a single public service sector to bargain with the government on a joint basis.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only by unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.