

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 9, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

SUGGESTION PRIME MINISTER EXPLAIN ATTITUDE TOWARDS QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that during the last weekend, the province of Quebec, and especially the premier of Quebec, had the very great honour to receive a distinguished guest, the right hon. Prime Minister of Canada; considering the remarks made by the Prime Minister of Canada about the premier of Quebec on the one hand, and about some goals of the government of Quebec, on the other hand, and since in the opinion of several observers and thousands of Quebecers these remarks are qualified as offensive, arrogant, even insulting towards the premier and, consequently towards the whole people of Quebec, I regretfully move, seconded by the hon. member for Hochelaga (Mr. Lavoie):

That this House unanimously deplore such a position on the part of the Prime Minister of Canada and, at the same time, invite him to make a statement so that the members of this House may better understand such behaviour.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a 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 unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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### CRIMINAL CODE

PROPOSAL THAT MINISTER BE TOLD CAUSE OF CRIMES IS CRIMINALS NOT GUNS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion concerning an urgent matter requiring immediate consideration.

Since the actions proposed by the Minister of Justice under his public order and security program are aimed at controlling firearms rather than dissuading criminals, and since Canadians want to be protected against criminals and killers rather than against firearms, which are dangerous only when handled by criminals, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House hire someone to explain to the Minister of Justice that criminals, not firearms, commit crimes, in order to prevent the minister from eventually jailing rifles and letting killers roam free, which seems to be the logical outcome of his policy.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to the provisions of 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 unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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### FISHERIES

REQUEST THAT REGULATIONS COVERING SEAL HUNT BE APPLIED MORE STRICTLY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Albert Béchard (Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall):

That the House regret and strongly condemn the crusade undertaken by the Green Peace Corps which, through illegal means, seeks to deprive indirectly the fishermen of eastern Canada, and particularly those of the Atlantic region and of Magdalen Islands in Quebec, of part of their income derived at this time of year from seal hunting, and that the government enforce with all due strictness the regulations enacted and promulgated concerning that kind of hunt.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Since the House gives its unanimous consent, I shall put the motion. Seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall), the hon. member for Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Mr. Béchard) moves: