

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 30, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

● (1407)

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

SUGGESTION THAT TARTAN BE WORN AND GAELIC GIVEN SPECIAL RECOGNITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of great importance. Whereas it is a known historical fact that more of the fathers of confederation had Gaelic as their mother tongue than either French or English and whereas it is important that Canadians retain the language, culture and traditions of their forefathers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys (Mr. Muir) and the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie):

That on November 30, the feast day of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, special recognition be given to the Gaelic tongue and that the tartan be worn by all Scots and would-be Scots.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENT CONCERNING REMOVAL OF PROGRAMS FROM THOSE NOT IN NEED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. On November 23, last week, the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) struck fear into the hearts of many people with young families and into the hearts of many old age pensioners with her statement that she would take away old age pensions or family allowances from those who do not need universal programs. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That the minister take the first opportunity to make a statement on motions in order to explain specifically who in her view are the people who do not need universal programs and thereby allay the fears of those who do.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can be presented only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

PROPOSED RESTRICTION OF PROFITS OF CHARTERED BANKS TO SIX PER CENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

Whereas the assets of Canadian banks increased in the year ending October 31, 1977 by more than 20 per cent over the previous year, and whereas after tax profits of Canadian banks increased by substantially more than the six per cent increase being allowed in wages and salaries by the government's anti-inflation program, be it therefore resolved that this parliament urges the government and the Anti-Inflation Board to take steps to restrict the profits of Canadian banks to the same six per cent increase permitted to wage salary earners.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

SUGGESTED STUDY OF MARKETING PULPWOOD IN QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that a great many farm producers derive part of their revenue from the production of pulpwood; that thousands of cords of pulpwood have been cut a year and even two years ago and have yet to be sold on account of the diminution of paper production, thus causing tremendous damage to producers as well as to the economy of this country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That this House recommend to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to consider seriously the marketing of this product to find the best ways and means to activate this sector of our economy.