

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 3, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

CANADIAN CONTENT QUOTAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, Canada's deficit in auto parts trade with the United States is approaching \$4.5 billion, a 16½ per cent increase over 1980, which in itself was a previous record year. Already unemployment in the auto parts industry is running at a staggering 34 per cent, with every indication that this rate will become worse. Time is running out for Canada's auto parts industry. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Haldimand-Norfolk (Mr. Bradley):

That the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce do now recognize the serious inequitable imbalance inflicted upon the auto parts industry and that he take immediate action to implement Canadian content quotas on all motor vehicles sold in Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. The desperate farmers of Canada should quit whatever type of farming they are engaged in and take up poultry farming. The Right Hon. Prime Minister weighs about 160 pounds. Canadians pay him \$105,000 per annum. That is \$656.25 per pound per year to rent this turkey. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That this House cancel this rental contract immediately.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

CROWN CORPORATIONS

REPORTED EXPLOITATION OF FEMALE LABOUR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, I also rise under Standing Order 43. Last night the program "Fifth Estate" revealed that some Crown corporations, including Air Canada, are grossly exploiting hundreds of thousands of women workers who are doing piecework in their homes. In one example, a woman who had to weave a drawstring through a plastic bag was paid \$4 for every 1,000 bags. She said she usually could complete only 100 bags a day. This is a decadent labour practice which exploits women who are poor, particularly immigrant women. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Humboldt-Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse):

That the Minister of Labour ensure that these women and all workers in the home receive the same minimum wage as every other Canadian worker who comes under federal jurisdiction.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SUPPLY AND SERVICES

DELAY IN REPLACING MISSING PENSION CHEQUES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, it has been reported to me that all too often complete mail bags of Canada Pension Plan cheques go missing. When this happens, it takes Supply and Services 90 days to replace missing cheques, thus working a real hardship on pensioners. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare meet with the Minister of Supply and Services in order to investigate this serious matter and find a more dependable way of preventing the hardship of those pensioners missing their cheques.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.