

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 8, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

## NEW MEMBER

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Derek Blackburn, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Brant.

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## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

Derek Blackburn, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Brant, introduced by Mr. David Lewis and Mr. Max Saltsman.

• (11:10 a.m.)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

#### CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Victor Forget (Saint-Michel)** moved that the second report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented to the House on Thursday, June 3, 1971, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

#### CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Victor Forget (Saint-Michel)** moved that the third report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented to the House on Thursday, June 3, 1971, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

[Later:]

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** If I understand correctly, the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43. We have already completed consideration of motions but, with the consent of the House, we might revert to motions so as to enable the hon. member for Bellechasse to move this motion. Does the House agree?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## INDUSTRY

### CLOSING OF CHEMCELL LIMITED MONTMAGNY PLANT— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I should like to move a motion concerning a case of urgent necessity.

In fact, the President of Chemcell Limited has announced that they will be closing down their Montmagny plant in the autumn of 1971, due to market requirements and primarily to foreign competition. This will result in the lay-off of more than 300 workers and will affect 2,000 persons, thus worsening the already acute economic situation in the city of Montmagny.

Therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne), I move:

That the House give unanimous consent that this important matter be deferred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, in order that this committee may study ways and means to prevent closing down of the plant and report to the House as soon as possible.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Bellechasse under the provisions of Standing Order 43. It cannot be put without the unanimous consent of hon. members. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put to the House.

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[English]

## TRANSPORT

### INCREASE IN NOVA SCOTIA-NEWFOUNDLAND AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-NEW BRUNSWICK FERRY RATES

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to move a motion under Standing Order 26, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House do now adjourn for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the large and unexpected increase in rates charged on ferry services operated by the Canadian National Railways, connecting the provinces of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island with the mainland of Canada.

On a question of privilege, perhaps I might be allowed to add that since notice of this motion was given I believe the Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson) has issued a statement to the effect that the increase on the