

the provinces to take full advantage of those loans or advances, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House ask the government to amend the Bank of Canada Act in order to authorize the Bank to grant loans for periods not exceeding 20 years.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion. Under the terms of Standing Order 43, this motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion of the hon. member cannot be put.

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[English]

FLOODS

HIGH WATER LEVELS ON GREAT LAKES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43 to move a motion arising from the long-range forecast which indicates the possibility of renewed damage to property along the Great Lakes in the coming weeks, and also arising from the fact that parliament will be adjourning tomorrow. I should like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin):

● (1430)

That this House instructs the Minister of the Environment to make a statement on motions tomorrow indicating whether arrangements or agreements with the Ontario government have been satisfactorily concluded and are now in effect with respect to compensation for property damage, and the sharing of costs arising from the use of Canadian forces personnel, and if not, by what date such arrangements will become effective; and further, whether the federal government is considering sharing short term capital costs for preventive works.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS ACT

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION OF BOARD TO PROVIDE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE DEPUTY CHAIRMEN

On the order: Introduction of Bills.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am rising to ask leave of the House for consent to give first reading to a bill which appears on the notice paper today having to do with the

Public Service Staff Relations Act

Public Service Staff Relations Act. If we could give this bill first reading by consent we might be able to give it passage through all stages later today so that it could be dealt with by the Senate before the Royal Assent tomorrow.

Mr. Baldwin: We are agreeable to that, Mr. Speaker. On all those rare occasions when the government brings in good legislation we always facilitate it.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, this is an acceptable bill and we would be glad to facilitate its passage through all stages today.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, the House leader of our party also advised us that he was in favour of this bill.

[English]

Mr. MacEachen moved for leave to introduce Bill C-178, to amend the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read a second time? Later this day?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRENDS IN FOOD PRICES

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order and I do so at this point because we are dealing with the business of the House for the rest of the day. I think Your Honour will find that as a result of discussions there would be unanimous agreement with respect to government order No. 31, the order having to do with the report of the Special Committee on Trends in Food Prices, namely, that this order might be resumed for debate at eight o'clock tonight with a House order that the debate conclude and any votes necessary be taken at ten o'clock. There are certain understandings, the details of which do not need to be spelled out, about the possibility of an amendment, about who will speak and so on, but I think there is general agreement for this item to be called at eight o'clock tonight and for any necessary votes to be taken at ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed and so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.