

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 27, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### GRAIN

CALL FOR EXPANSION OF WHEAT SALES TO CHINA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on the basis of President Carter having virtually ended the OPEC style of co-operation, having launched an aggressive marketing strategy for wheat in China and apparently taking for granted that Canada has made herself vulnerable to competition. I therefore move:

That this House calls on the government, in order to preserve and expand the market in China which was secured under my government and has continued since, to send a delegation immediately to Peking, composed of representatives of the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce and of Agriculture, the Wheat Board and national farm organizations.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Introduction of such a motion for debate at this time would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

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### PENITENTIARIES

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF COLLINS BAY PENITENTIARY GUARDS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to seek the unanimous consent of this House. In view of the tragic incident which occurred yesterday at Collins Bay penitentiary in Kingston, when custodial officer Francis Eustace, and food services officer Paul Maurice, lost their lives in the line of duty, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nipissing (Mr. Blais):

That this House expresses its deep sympathy to the bereaved families of these dedicated public servants.

**Mr. Speaker:** Introduction of such a motion can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to.

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### VETERANS AFFAIRS

REQUESTED PRORATA PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS OF DISABLED VETERANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, it could be that this is the day when the House will recognize the extreme urgency of this matter. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House calls on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to introduce at an early date an amendment to the Pension Act to provide for prorata pensions for widows of disabled veterans where the disability of the veteran was assessed below 48 per cent, it being clearly recognized that all members of this House of Commons would be pleased to pass such an amendment before Christmas.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such motion for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### STATUS OF WOMEN

REPORT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL CONCERNING ADVANCEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Because of the significant and disturbing delay by the Advisory Council on the Status of Women in the publishing of their annual evaluation on the advancement of women in the public service, and since this delay appears to be caused by the extraordinary action of sending preliminary copies of the report to the Public Service Commission itself for its comments, criticism and possible censorship, and that this essentially deprives parliament and the public of a full, frank and objective report, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That the minister responsible for the status of women act immediately to ensure the report is published at once without amendment or deletion.