

*Oral Questions***HEALTH****SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY OF INSULIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that diabetes is a major health problem and is ranked as the fifth leading cause of death in Canada, and it has been estimated that there are some 130 million victims of diabetes world-wide, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That since Canada and Canadians are justly proud that two Canadians, Doctors Frederick Banting and Charles Best, discovered insulin as an effective means of controlling diabetes, this House proclaims 1982, which is the 50th anniversary of this miracle discovery, as "The Diamond Jubilee of the Use of Insulin on Human Beings."

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

• (1415)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS RESPECTING BILL C-43**

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. On May 13, the President of the Privy Council stated that the government would be in a position to tell the House its intentions with respect to Bill C-43 on freedom of information. Would the Prime Minister now advise the House of his government's intention respecting that bill and the principle of freedom of information, and is his government now prepared to proceed with the bill, or is it the intention of the government to allow it to die on the Order Paper?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, on behalf of the President of the Privy Council I want to repeat his assurance to the House that it is our intention to present that bill before the end of this session, and to express the hope that we will get more co-operation from the opposition parties in getting it passed expeditiously than we did the previous time around.

OPPOSITION COMMITMENT TO SPEEDY PASSAGE—REQUEST THAT COMMITTEE STUDY BE COMPLETED

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, if the Prime Minister has consulted his Minister of Communications, he knows that an undertaking has been given by our party that the bill could proceed speedily through the committee and could be dealt with at report stage and third reading

stage in the House in one day. Having been given that commitment, will the Prime Minister instruct the Minister of Communications to go forthwith to the committee to have that bill completed at the committee stage, and will he instruct the government House leader to schedule that bill for completion in this House forthwith—in fact, within the next two weeks?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, if the House leader of the opposition would be prepared to turn that into a House order on which there could be agreement by all parties—that after the bill emerged from the committee it would be dealt with at all stages in one day—I can assure him that the government would be prepared to do that. I do not necessarily say in two weeks, but I say before the end of June.

REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION ON TIMETABLE WITH NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I consulted with the House leader and the members of my party prior to today's sitting of the House. The Prime Minister has that commitment. With that commitment from us, will the Prime Minister undertake to consult with members of the New Democratic Party to see whether they agree in the same way?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Thank you very much. It is not often I get applause from the other side, Madam Speaker.

An hon. Member: On this one you deserve it.

Mr. Trudeau: I am happy hon. members think I deserve applause. I will continue to try to do better every day. Now if we could hear from the members of the New Democratic Party, we would know if we could give them a bit of applause.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Benjamin: No problem.

REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF SECTION 41(2) OF FEDERAL COURT ACT

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the silent Minister of Communications who, ostensibly, has some responsibility in connection with freedom of information. As the minister will know, this is the most secretive, manipulative government in the history of our country. Its actions are the antithesis of openness, particularly with respect to Section 41(2) of the Federal Court Act. The government has been using this device to obstruct justice and not to allow accused persons to have access to information which would afford them proper defences and fair trials. With respect to the package to be brought before the House I want to ask the minister whether he is now prepared to commit his government to including a revocation of Section 41(2). If he is