

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 23, 1972

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Ian Wahn (St. Paul's)** moved that the first report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, presented to the House on Tuesday, May 16, 1972, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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### URBAN AFFAIRS

#### TABLING OF FINAL REPORT OF TRI-LEVEL INTERIM PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table in both official languages copies of the final report of the Tri-Level Interim Planning Committee made up of myself, the Hon. D'Arcy McKeough and His Worship, Mayor Marcel D'Amour of Hull.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

#### FOOD PRICES AND SUPERMARKET PROFITS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek unanimous consent to move a motion. My motion arises from the increase in the cost of food in the home of nearly 7½ per cent from April, 1971, to April, 1972, together with a simultaneous increase in the profits of the large supermarket chains during the first quarter of this year—Safeway, 40 per cent, George Weston, nearly 50 per cent and Dominion Stores, 300 per cent. Therefore I ask unanimous consent to move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), the following motion of which I have already given notice to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Basford) and to which I am sure he will be favourably inclined:

That the matter of food prices and supermarket profits be referred to a special committee of this House for investigation and report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I should remind the hon. member that it is not the minister's consent that is required but the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

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### FINANCE

#### SMALL BUSINESS, FISHERIES AND FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of recent reports under the Small Business Loans Act, the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act and Farm Improvement Loans Act for the period January to March, 1972, which indicate that not one loan was made in the province of Newfoundland, demonstrating failure by the chartered banks of Canada to fulfil their responsibility in directing these loans on behalf of the government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Lundrigan):

That the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs and that witnesses from the Bank of Canada be called for questioning.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion cannot be put.