

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 6, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (B), 1972-73

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (B) for the financial year ending March 31, 1973, was presented by Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, by leave, I should like to table a copy of Supplementary Estimates (B) for the financial year ending March 31, 1973.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the following motion pursuant to Standing Order 59:

That Supplementary Estimates (B), 1972-1973, tabled this day, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, we have not objected to this procedure. Although we cannot debate the matter, I would suggest that in future, before we are required to give our assent and accept this procedure, that at least the supplementary estimates should be shown to members of the opposition parties.

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HOUSING

RENT INCREASES AFFECTING OLD AGE PENSIONERS— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask the consent of the House to present a motion which I believe expresses a view held by every member of the House. I hope the House will see fit to agree to its being presented and passed, preferably without debate. Without further word, therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Knight):

That this House deplores the action of certain landlords and nursing homes in increasing rents and other charges against old age pensioners immediately following and since the announcement of pension increases made in the budget of February 19, 1973.

Mr. Speaker: This motion is submitted to the House under the terms of Standing Order 43. It requires the

unanimous consent of the House before it can be put. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There appears to be unanimous consent. The motion will therefore be put. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REQUIREMENT OF PROOF OF EFFORTS TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT—REQUESTS FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I should like to propose a motion in a case of urgent and pressing necessity involving thousands of Canadians now unemployed.

Since many Unemployment Insurance Commission officials demand that applicants for benefits supply proof that they have effectively looked for a job, and since such a procedure is detrimental to the dignity of the individual and contrary to the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That this House consider action to prevent abuse of prerogatives by civil servants and to make them discontinue demanding conditions not provided under the present act in order to obtain unemployment insurance benefits.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion brought forward by the hon. member for Richmond under Standing Order 43. It requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimity. The hon. member's motion therefore cannot be put.