

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, November 9, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING WIDOWS' PENSIONS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. During the last session, as a result of the Hermann Report, a recommendation was made to the Government of Canada to provide pensions for those widows whose veteran husbands were in receipt of a war disability pension of less than 48 per cent and who, under present circumstances, are placed in the discriminatory position of being denied that deserved assistance. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That this House orders that the Government of Canada reaffirm the commitment made to veterans by Sir Robert Borden in 1917, and by successive Prime Ministers since, and implement amendments to the Pension Act to provide widows of veterans pensions in line with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can only be presented to the House with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

SUGGESTED REACTIVATION OF CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, since the provincial-federal conference of finance ministers is scheduled to meet at the end of this month in Ottawa, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That the Minister of Finance, in consultation with his provincial counterparts, reactivate the federal-provincial capital works projects to reduce and eliminate the high level of unemployment in this country.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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RECOMMENDATION THAT PUBLIC BE ADMITTED TO HOUSE
DURING PRAYERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important matter.

As we need more than ever the guidance of Providence to face our obligations, and as it would be advisable to associate the people with the prayers hon. members say every day at the beginning of the sitting of the House, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House recommend an amendment to the Standing Orders of the House allowing the public to take place in the galleries before the start of the sitting so that they might join the House in heart and in mind, in its prayer and that our deliberations might be fruitful and profitable to the well-being of the people.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Since the House is unanimous in its consent, I shall put the motion. Seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier), the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) moves:

That this House recommend an amendment to the Standing Orders of the House allowing the public to take place in the galleries before the start of the sitting so that they might join the House, in heart and in mind, in its prayer and that our deliberations might be fruitful and profitable to the well-being of the people.

Does it please the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.