

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 11, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ALLEGED COMMISSION INSTRUCTION TO EMPLOYEES
RESTRICTING INFORMATION PROVIDED CLAIMANTS—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, the revelation of a secret regulation of the Unemployment Insurance Commission issued on March 1 advising UIC employees to cease their fundamental duty of advising potential unemployment insurance claimants of their rights and responsibilities. At the same time that UIC employees were instructed to withhold assistance, the administrative budget of the commission increased from \$26 million in 1971-72 to \$144 million in 1973-74. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Peel South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That the UIC instruction by way of regulations of March 1 be withdrawn forthwith and that the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration be directed to investigate and report on this matter as well as on all other orders in council and secret regulations with regard to the Unemployment Insurance Act which have been issued since the implementation of the new Unemployment Insurance Act.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member requires the unanimous consent of the House under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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FINANCE

IMPACT OF BANK OF CANADA INTEREST RATE INCREASE
ON MORTGAGE RATES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the increase in the Bank of Canada lending rate to 6¼ per cent. In view of the inevitable impact of this latest increase in mortgage rates which are already at

scandalously high levels, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Gleave):

That this House instruct the government to introduce immediately legislation which will require federally chartered financial institutions to allocate a prescribed proportion of their annual investments to housing at a rate not exceeding the prime lending rate.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires unanimous consent under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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AGRICULTURE

COMPENSATION FOR CATTLE SLAUGHTERED BECAUSE
OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Elias Nesdoly (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43 I should like to move a motion which arises from a recent announcement by the Minister of Agriculture regarding increased compensation for cattle ordered slaughtered under the provisions of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act. In view of the fact these new rates are totally inadequate, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Gleave):

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That a special subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Agriculture travel to western Canada and visit farmers whose herds are affected by brucellosis; this committee is to study the question of compensation rates, the control measures currently practised, and the grading of brucellosis infected animals at the stockyards.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity; the question cannot be put.