

Mr. Speaker: The motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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TRANSPORT

DISPUTE WITH NON-OPERATING EMPLOYEES—REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION BY MINISTER—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Ed Nelson (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, I rise under provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely the mounting discontent among railway workers across Canada which may develop into a strike.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member from Vancouver East (Mr. Neale):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Labour to exert all possible influence to bring about an easing of tension by directing both companies to re-examine their treatment of their work force, and further that the Minister of Labour intervene in an effort to bring about a settlement between the parties.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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RAILWAY ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUTER TRAIN SERVICE

On the order: Introduction of Bills:

July 10, 1973—Mr. Hales—Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Railway Act".

Mr. Speaker: As I have indicated to the hon. member in the course of previous conversations, the bill which is in his name proposes an amendment to the Railway Act to provide for an application for payment of assistance from the Consolidated Revenue Fund with respect to uneconomic commuter train services which the act at the present time specifically excludes. When these provisions were introduced in 1960, the bill was accompanied by a recommendation which particularly referred to the payment of assistance from the fund to railway companies where they are required to maintain uneconomic branch lines or passenger train services.

At least prima facie, therefore, the bill would appear to encroach on the financial initiative of the Crown. However, I would be quite prepared to hear the comments of the hon. member for Wellington in this respect. Perhaps

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he might give the matter some thought and at his convenience, tomorrow or next week, he might give his views on the point I have raised for the guidance of the Chair following which a ruling can be made. For the moment, with the approval and consent of the hon. member, the bill would be allowed to stand.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

GRAIN

DOMESTIC FEED GRAINS POLICY

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland) to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26, for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely the threat to Canadian agriculture created by the United States action in licensing and controlling the export of oil seed products, and the consequent threat of higher prices to Canadian consumers for meat, poultry and dairy products, and the urgent need for the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board to outline to parliament the government's proposals for its new policy on the sale and pricing of domestic feed grains.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar is substantially the same as one which he proposed last week. At that time the Chair recognized the importance and urgency of the matter and the general interest and concern among members of the House, and expressed some willingness to consider the matter sympathetically later. It is on this basis, I assume, that the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar brings the matter forward. I have given further thought to it in view of the notice given earlier today by the hon. member. The questions asked in recent days and responses given to statements made in the House by members of the government indicate that this is a matter of concern and urgency and, in light of the reasons which I had given to the House last week, I am prepared to consider this motion sympathetically.

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There is some difficulty perhaps in relation to the time which might be allocated to the consideration of the motion in accordance with the terms of section (9) of Standing Order 26, and I would be inclined to suggest that the motion be allowed to stand over for consideration until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. However, I am prepared to hold that aspect of the matter in abeyance. I will put the motion on the basis that the debate will take place at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. If hon. members can agree between themselves to hold the debate at some other time, certainly I would have no objection. However, if the matter is found to be of such importance that we should engage in an emergency debate, I would think hon. members would be prepared to be here at three o'clock tomor-