

Keewatin and who are dependent on the services for food, medical care and transportation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nunatsiak (Mr. Ittinuar):

That the Minister of Transport intervene to ensure that PWA-Transair be required to fulfil the terms of their licence by continuing to provide full air services in the Keewatin.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can be presented for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INCOME TAX ACT

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO BILL C-20—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 in a case of urgent and pressing necessity based upon existing public disappointment and frustration that this Parliament appears bogged down. I would move, if consent is given:

That this House urges the government House leader to discuss with his counterparts the expediting of second reading of Bill C-20 by considering an amendment to provide that after the first year, subsequent operation of the act will be subject to a parliamentary negative resolution.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can be introduced only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

COCA-COLA COMPANY—PROPOSED MEASURES TO SETTLE BOTTLERS' DISPUTE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Robert Gourd (Argenteuil): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Lawrence) is wilfully jeopardizing hundreds of jobs in Canada, that a number of small bottlers are running the risk of going bankrupt, and that the minister is also penalizing Canadian consumers by forcing them to use containers which are smaller and therefore more expensive for middle-income families, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Chicoutimi (Mr. Dionne):

That the minister reverse his decision and seriously consider with various firms such as Coca-Cola a sure and effective way to settle his conflict with the bottlers.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires

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the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF DELEGATES OF CANADIAN AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the oral question period, may I ask all hon. members to join me in recognizing the presence in our gallery of distinguished visitors in the form of a delegation from the seventh interparliamentary meeting of delegations from European and Canadian Parliaments.

The co-leaders of the delegation from the European Parliament include the vice-chairman, Mr. Carlo Ripa di Meana, from Italy, Mr. Kai Uwe von Hassel, from the German Republic, as well as the leader of the delegation, Sir John Stewart-Clark, of the United Kingdom Parliament.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

SOCIAL SECURITY

POLICY VIS-À-VIS PENSIONS—REPORT OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA

Hon. Monique Bégin (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Economic Council of Canada stated yesterday that many Canadian pensioners are living below the poverty line, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare if he could tell us what are his priorities. What is he trying to achieve vis-à-vis Canadian pensioners? Does he want to upgrade private pensions first, or is he ready, now, to move to increase benefits under the Canada Pension Plan?

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the report of the Economic Council of Canada made public the other day is, indeed, a good one and I recommend to all members that they take the opportunity to read it. As the hon. member is aware, in this House in the Speech from the Throne and, indeed, on two other occasions I have mentioned that with this report, when it is available—which it is now—as well as with a variety of other reports which have come from other sources, I will be going to the