

Official Languages

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 this motion requires unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

REQUEST FOR STUDY OF PROGRAMS TO CREATE JOBS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion under Standing Order 43.

Considering the steep increase in unemployment, especially among young people in Quebec, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That this House unanimously ask the government to provide an exhaustive reevaluation of make work programs now in effect to make this fight against unemployment really effective and encouraging for our young people on the labour market.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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BILINGUALISM

SUGGESTED AFFIRMATION OF RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO
SERVICES IN BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Rod Blaker (Lachine-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent necessity.

Considering that articles published this morning in a number of Quebec newspapers indicate that some members of the Public Service of Canada will not supply their services to English-speaking people in Quebec, that such action is condoned anyway by the alliance as a bargaining technique, and that such denial of linguistic services in both our official languages is in fact a form of blackmail and a despicable means of confrontation which may only result in antagonizing and irritating part of the public;

[English]

I move, seconded by the hon. member for LaSalle-Émard-Côte Saint-Paul (Mr. Campbell), and in the absence of the President of the Treasury Board I would address my motion to the Prime Minister:

[Mr. Nielsen.]

That the Prime Minister do now, before this House, restate and reaffirm this government's intention to assure all our citizens equal access to federal government services; and further that the Prime Minister reaffirm that everywhere in Canada the government will enforce the right of citizens to have access to either of our two official languages; and, finally, that wherever in Canada federal civil servants attempt to deny to Canadians that access to both official languages, those civil servants will be suspended without pay until they have agreed to conform to the legislation passed by the elected representatives of the people in this House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion being pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

TRADE

DEFICIT ON AUTO PARTS TRADE WITH UNITED STATES—
POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister who said yesterday:

—there have been, will be and are various forms of irritants that we are always working to overcome.

Is it the view of the Prime Minister that a trade deficit with the United States of possibly as much as \$2.5 billion this year in respect of auto parts is an irritant for this country, or a matter of real urgency that demands some significant initiative and, if so, have formal talks on auto parts been arranged and when will they be held? I direct this question to the Prime Minister in view of the significance of the problem involved?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that any such talks have been arranged.

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—POSSIBILITY OF
RENEGOTIATION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, it has been reported that it is high on the government list of concerns to negotiate or renegotiate certain aspects of the auto pact. In light of the Prime Minister's confidence, as manifested yesterday, that our relations with the United States are very healthy, during the recent visit by Mr. Kissinger was the question raised about renegotiating the auto pact or, if not, is it the intention of the Canadian government to seek a renegotiation of this auto pact? I direct this question to the Prime Minister in view of its importance to the country.