HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 22, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

NEW MEMBER

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of William Knight, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Assiniboia.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

William Knight, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Assiniboia, introduced by Mr. Stanley Knowles and Mr. Lorne Nystrom.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity.

In so far as there has been an announcement by the Quebec Minister of Education in the Quebec National Assembly to the effect that new criteria have been agreed to relative to Opportunity for Youth projects in that province, and as the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) has not informed the House of Commons of this agreement, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent (Mr. McCutcheon):

That this House do direct the Secretary of State to appear before a special committee on youth established by this House for the purpose of discussing:

a) any agreements reached with the province of Quebec concerning the Opportunities for Youth Program;

b) the as yet unpublished evaluation of last year's Opportunities for Youth program;

c) the task force report on youth;

d) the planning that should be under way now for summer, 1972.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes. Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

• (2:10 p.m.)

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

METHOD OF COUNTING UNEMPLOYED—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 which provides that in cases of urgent and pressing necessity a motion may be made if unanimous consent is given by the House. The matter of urgent and pressing necessity is the report that the government intends to employ a new method of counting unemployed persons.

Mr. Speaker, if vigorous action is to be taken to find work for those unemployed, nothing should be done to obscure or minimize the total of those needing jobs at this critical time. Consequently I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration be asked to make a full study and report on any alternative proposals for totalling those out of work before the government sets about juggling the jobless.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

ALBERTA—PROPOSED CULTURAL-EDUCATIONAL CENTRE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise to request the unanimous consent of the House, under Standing Order 43, to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. This matter is the confrontation that has developed between the government and the Indian Association of Alberta over the implementation of a cabinet policy to consider the pilot stage of a cultural-educational centre for the Indians of Alberta in order to partially relieve the grievous and distressful conditions, especially in education, that have existed for some time among the Indian peoples of Alberta. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for the Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development inquire into the cabinet policy of the 29 July 1971 set out in a cabinet document titled "The Cabinet Committee on Social Policy—Record of Committee decision—Native Cultural-Educational Centres", and signed by D. J. Leach, Supervisor of Cabinet Documents, together with a letter to the president of the Indian Association of Alberta, signed by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Indian and Eskimo Affairs, and dated August 26, 1971; a telegram dated October 6, 1971, signed by the president of the