

The Canadian Economy

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has heard the result for himself.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION**REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO OPERATIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. This matter is the certainty that the Unemployment Insurance Commission, on past and present performance, cannot cope with the seasonal increase of unemployment in the winter months of January and February, 1974. Unless immediate steps are taken immediately to overhaul the commission, thousands of Canadian unemployed and their families will suffer hardship and heartbreak.

With consent, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That this House urges the Governor in Council to appoint a commission under the Inquiries Act to inquire into, report upon and make recommendations with respect to the administration, operation and practices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF TAKEOVER OF PERKINS PAPERS LTD.—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, with which I think most members of the House will agree, arising from the proposed takeover by the Bowater Corporation of London, England, of Perkins Papers, Ltd., a Canadian firm. In view of the potentially adverse effects of that takeover on the Canadian paper industry, I move,

[Mr. Blenkarn.]

seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Harney):

That this House instruct the government to take immediate action to prohibit the sale of Perkins Papers Ltd. to the Bowater Corporation pending the enactment and proclamation of the Foreign Investment Review Act, Bill C-132.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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[Translation]

ENERGY**INCREASED PRICE OF FUEL OIL—SUGGESTED DEBATE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the constant and accelerated increase in the price of gasoline and heating oil, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House do now adjourn to discuss the possibility of having the federal and provincial Ministers of Finance confer and determine whether direct and indirect taxes on gasoline and fuels should be lowered so that Canadians may not suffer too much from it.

Mr. Speaker: I venture to remind the hon. member for Richmond that such an adjournment motion should be moved pursuant to Standing Order 26 and not Standing Order 43. Therefore, I cannot put his motion to the House.

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[English]

POLLUTION**NEED FOR MEASURES TO DEAL WITH OIL SPILLS ON WEST COAST—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43 to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the increased number of oil spills along the west coast of British Columbia, and the apparent lack of adequate contingency plans and equipment to deal with them quickly and effectively, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett):

That this House of Commons instruct the appropriate standing committee to examine this situation and to make recommendations to the government so that immediate and effective measures may be taken by the appropriate agencies to deal with any oil-spill emergency that may arise along the West Coast.