

of the House of Commons are not at all the responsibility of the government; they are the responsibility of the Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS—PROPOSAL GOVERNMENT
EXPRESS CONCERN TO U.S.S.R.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Lafontaine-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion about a matter whose urgency will be obvious to everyone.

Given the fact that with the opening of the trial in the Soviet Union of physicist Yuri Orlov who is accused by Soviet authorities of having established a group to observe the implementation in Soviet territory of the provisions contained in the Helsinki agreement and to report abroad violations of human rights in that country, Dr. Orlov does not seem to enjoy in the course of that trial minimum legal guarantees, that he has been refused the right to present a full and complete defence, that access to the court has been denied to foreign journalists and that clearly he will not have a fair and just trial, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Maisonneuve-Rosemont (Mr. Joyal):

That this House urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Jamieson) to express to Soviet authorities the concern of the Canadian government and people about what appears to be another violation of human rights in the Soviet Union.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

MULTINATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS TO COUNTER ADVERSE
CONDITIONS FOR CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. Since two key industries in Nova Scotia, Hawker Siddeley and Michelin Tire, continue to be adversely affected by legislation and unfair competition from abroad, in the case of Hawker Siddeley by unfair competition from Japan and the EEC and in the case of Michelin Tire by discriminatory

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countervailing duties initiated by the United States, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie):

That appropriate members of cabinet immediately explore measures to counter these adverse conditions which could affect many hundreds of jobs by instituting high-level negotiations in particular with the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

ANNUAL INCREASES FOR COMMONS AND LIBRARY STAFF

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the oral question period, and arising out of the motion put forward by the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), I would like to address the House regarding pay increases for the staff. There has been concern expressed a number of times by members on both sides of the House about the progress of the salary arrangements for this fiscal year for staff members of the House of Commons.

I would like to indicate to the House that the matter has been under very diligent consideration on my part and on the part of the Commissioners of Internal Economy. We have shared responsibilities in this respect. On my part it is to represent the interests of the staff of the House of Commons, and on the part of the commissioners, of course, it is to represent the expenditure side of the ledger. We have undergone considerable review and re-examination of several proposals. We are not delaying the matter but are simply endeavouring to come to a consensus, which we hope to be in a position to announce very soon.

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FINANCE

SALES TAX PROPOSAL RELATING TO QUEBEC

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Finance. It concerns the government's latest variant in the sales tax proposal as it applies to the province of Quebec, a proposal that is not equitable as it concerns the people nor as it concerns the provinces.