

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member rises on a question of privilege.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I listened to what you said very carefully, but an implication of neglect of duty on my part as chairman of the committee has been raised and in view of that I believe I have the right to say something.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member claims that he has a question of privilege. It cannot, of course, be the same question on which there has already been a ruling. If the hon. member claims he has been aggrieved he might indicate briefly what the question of privilege is and the Chair will make a ruling. The hon. member should indicate as succinctly as possible what the question of privilege might be.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Regional Development of which I am chairman is very progressive and has been doing a tremendous job—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: Question.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): First of all, I should like to say that we had the minister there twice and we had the deputy minister—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should resume his seat. The hon. member is now debating the issue which perhaps shows the validity of my suggestion that this was a matter of debate. The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville wanted to bring the matter before the House under the guise of a question of privilege. I thought that this was a substantive motion which would give rise to a debate of substance. The approach taken by the hon. member indicates that I was quite right. I have already ruled that this is not a question of privilege.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Second report of Standing Committee on Transport and Communications—Mr. Turner (London East).

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[Mr. Speaker.]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

TELEVISION OF NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE FINAL SERIES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to ask for unanimous consent—

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. MacInnis: —to move a motion under Standing Order 43 concerning a matter of great interest to all members of the House and especially to the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Simpson) who raised the question yesterday. In view of the fact that many Canadians are being deprived of the opportunity of seeing the National Hockey League final series and since the CBC during the regular season switched to games from the United States, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Cadieu):

That this House seek the co-operation of the CBC and responsible agencies in providing coverage in those areas presently denied.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond. This motion is proposed to the House under the terms of Standing Order 43 and therefore requires unanimous consent. The Chair will inquire whether there is unanimity.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will recognize that there is not unanimous consent and so the motion cannot be put.

An hon. Member: Who said no?

An hon. Member: Joe Guay said no.

An hon. Member: He always says no.

An hon. Member: Who said no?

An hon. Member: Joe said no.

DISPUTE WITH NABET—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43 to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing importance.

My motion is somewhat broader in scope than merely the inability of certain Canadian television viewers to see this year's Stanley Cup playoff series. It concerns the cost to the public purse of the prolonged labour difficulties between NABET and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, estimated now to be greater than the price tag of a settlement based on NABET's initial demands. I move,