

positions as administrators or part with certain assets with regard to industries, business or companies. The establishment of an analysis system might also be suggested to prevent misappropriations which, while leaving the minister free to part with certain rights concerning a company, would give indirectly to the party in power rights to an electoral fund, which once more would go against the principles stated.

Thus, these are things that cannot be left to the judgment of a prime minister or even of a minister. This is why my colleagues and I suggest that, after these remarks, the possibility should be studied of creating an advisory board of committee to watch and advise the public on the seriousness of the decisions taken today.

It is understood that if we want to eliminate conflicts of interest among members of the House, senators and, more seriously, ministers, it goes without saying that it is also very important to eliminate conflicts of interest by similar means with the public servants, the employees of Parliament and the officials of the departments. So, it is most important and, I think, urgent that the Prime Minister or the ministers introduce in the House some regulations or statements of principle concerning the conflicts of interest for the public service.

Again, as a whole, the remarks of the Prime Minister and those of the President of the Privy Council are essentially valuable. But still, one must not content oneself with pious wishes, some fancy skating; we must indeed take the required means in order to assure the people of the seriousness of these statements and I consider that the only course to take is to create an advisory and investigation committee and to appoint to it people who are neither in public life nor in politics.

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ENERGY

PROPOSAL TO SEND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS ALASKA OIL PIPELINE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The United States Congress is about to reach a decision on the Trans-Alaska pipeline. Channels of opposition to this project in the U. S. are almost exhausted, and the Canadian position appears to have been distorted. I therefore move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon), a motion which I hope can be accepted unanimously without debate:

That this House immediately charge a special parliamentary committee with the task of going to Washington to represent adequately, to the American Congress and public, Canada's position on the movement of Alaskan oil through the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion is proposed under Standing Order 43. It requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

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Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

SUGGESTED REVIEW OF OVERPAYMENT CLAIMS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity which arises from alleged overpayments by the Unemployment Insurance Commission. I therefore would move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instruct the minister responsible for the UIC to have all present claims of overpayment as well as future claims reviewed for possible errors and that all notices of overpayment be accompanied by a statement explaining in detail how the overpayment was incurred, as well as copies of any evidence to prove the overpayment did in fact occur.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion also requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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ENERGY

FREEZING OF GASOLINE PRICES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I should like to move the following motion.

In view of the ceaseless rise in gas price and the fact that Canada exports crude oil, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau):

That this government order a gas price freeze until an investigation determines what the exact situation is concerning this subject and in order to prevent these increases from being used to inflate oil companies profits.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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