

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please.

**An hon. Member:** Too late.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** A point of order, Madam Speaker—

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I will ask the question again. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**An hon. Member:** You can't do that.

**An hon. Member:** Too late, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** The hon. member for Saskatoon—

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** A point of order, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** The hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker).

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, I gather that what would rule in this case—

**Some hon. Members:** Three o'clock.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** —is your ear. I gather, from your intention to put the motion, that you did not hear a "no": in fact, you started to put the motion. I would think that is about the best evidence the House could possibly have of what your decision was with respect to what you heard.

● (1415)

**Madam Speaker:** I asked the House twice if there was unanimous consent. There was a considerable amount of noise. When I started to read the motion I began to hear the "noes", so I put the question a third time. There were "noes". Therefore, I felt that there was not unanimous consent.

**An hon. Member:** Unacceptable.

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#### POST OFFICE

PROPOSED MOVE OF SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT OFFICE FROM SASKATOON TO WINNIPEG—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I am glad that the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) is discussing matters with the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle).

In view of the fact that widespread opposition has been registered to the Postmaster General on the move of the Saskatchewan district office from Saskatoon to Winnipeg, including from the mayor and members of city council of the city of Saskatoon, employees of the Post Office and members

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of Parliament representing Saskatoon and all Saskatchewan, and in view of the fact that the Postmaster General has neglected or refused to categorically revoke the planned move, notwithstanding serious questions of impairing the efficiency of the operation of the Post Office in Saskatchewan, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That this House direct the Postmaster General to immediately make a statement in this House cancelling any plan to move the Saskatchewan district office and alleviate the deeply-felt apprehension that Saskatchewan views are not taken seriously by this government.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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#### AGRICULTURE

ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN PURCHASING FERTILIZERS AND HERBICIDES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the fact that farmers are now seeding and are under tremendous financial pressure, whereby 65 per cent of the farmers must borrow money from lending institutions to finance the planting of their crops, at the highest interest rates in the history of the country; and given the situation where the Canadian Wheat Board allows an over-delivery of quotas of 735 bushels for the purchase of seed grains, and where that quota is not used on a regular basis, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

That the government take the immediate steps to make it possible for farmers to use the extra quotas to purchase fertilizers and herbicides.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

#### ENERGY

FUTURE INCREASES IN PRICE OF OIL

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth):** Madam Speaker, my question, which relates to oil pricing, is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister who indicated to the House yesterday that this