

BILINGUALISM**ALLEGED REFUSAL OF EMPLOYEES OF MONTREAL
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OFFICE TO SPEAK BOTH
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT
TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek leave to propose a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I feel it should have the unanimous support of all members, especially of those on the government side who have continually expressed their sincerity in wishing to enforce the provisions of the Official Languages Act.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That in view of the fact that certain unemployment insurance commission offices in the city of Montreal, including specifically the one serving northeast Montreal at 7510 Viau Street, are refusing to speak both official languages to claimants and the general public, the House requests immediate government action to enforce the provisions of the Official Languages Act requiring services in both languages and that those refusing to serve the public in both languages should be immediately disciplined following this illegal action.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion being proposed. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Liberals said no.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to seek the consent of the House to move a motion in a case of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since agricultural producers face unbearable prices concerning costs of production such as hay, for instance, whose unprecedented price has risen to \$100 a ton, and since the Department of Agriculture does not seem to be able to cope with the serious situation we face and offers no short-term solution to avoid the bankruptcies and the massive exodus that we witness every day, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House open discussion on the serious problems now facing Canadian agriculture in order to bring immediate compensation and provide our farmers with the assistance they urgently need, including all the necessary information concerning the difficult decisions and choices they will have to make this year.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. This motion, proposed under the terms of Stand-

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ing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore, the hon. member's motion cannot be put.

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SOCIAL SECURITY**PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF GUARANTEED ANNUAL
INCOME—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to request unanimous consent to introduce an important motion, surely of the utmost interest to all members and the Canadian people.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House recommend detailed study of the guaranteed minimum yearly income program, as proposed by the Social Credit Party of Canada, in order to help the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) in the submission to the provinces of a more appropriate and more adequate plan for social security.

Mr. Speaker: Although I am sure, this is quite an interesting and significant suggestion, I regret it is not strictly a case of urgent and pressing necessity. Therefore, the motion cannot be put.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**SUGGESTED EXTENSION OF HOURS OF SITTING—REQUEST
FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Ed Lumley (Stormont-Dundas): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter which I deem to be of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the orderly progression of the business of this honourable House has slowed almost to a standstill because of prolonged and sometimes unnecessary debate on bills now before the House, which, in turn, has caused an unprecedented backlog of legislation important to millions of Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York West (Mr. Fleming):

That the House give immediate and serious consideration to extending the hours and even the days of sitting until such time as required to complete the disposition of bills on the order paper.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fairweather: Come back in, Reid.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!