

Labour Conditions

already been going on for some 30 years. We support Canadian initiatives and efforts toward prompt achievement of peace in the South of Asia. We urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to continue his efforts to that end.

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[English]

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IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO COPE WITH UNEMPLOYMENT—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent under Standing Order 43 to make a motion in respect of an urgent and pressing matter.

This country and this parliament need no reminder that unemployment, so degrading and humiliating to hundreds of thousands of victims, is the number one problem in the country, nor that this Prime Minister and federal government which deliberately created it now wilfully refuse to provide any immediate relief.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member who knows, as well as any other hon. member, what are the restrictions regarding the proposing of a motion under Standing Order 43. The arguments which can be put forth are relatively limited. I suggest to the hon. member that he cannot argue the case; he can only indicate why there is urgency. Perhaps I interrupted the hon. member too soon and the remarks he has been making are purely introductory, but there should be a limitation. If we place ourselves in the position where every day we have a number of motions under Standing Order 43 and general statements are made by the hon. members proposing these motions, we will put ourselves into procedural difficulties. I would therefore invite the hon. member to keep this in mind, as I am sure he will.

Mr. Baldwin: I quite agree, Your Honour, that we must establish as a condition precedent urgent and pressing necessity, which I was attempting to do.

The federal government, which is primarily responsible for unemployment, is now meeting with the provinces in Ottawa and there is an indication that some provinces do recognize the urgency. If the senior authority can be made to realize its duty, then together, even at this late date, something can be done to respond to these imperative needs. I therefore ask leave to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell):

That this House speaking for the people of Canada urges the governments of Canada and of the provinces at the current federal-provincial conference to give priority to immediate measures to deal with the current unemployment crisis.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion which would be proposed by the hon. member for Peace River. The motion has been submitted under the terms of Standing Order 43 which requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there agreement?

[Mr. Rodrigue.]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Since there is not unanimity, the motion cannot be put.

An hon. Member: Who says no?

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[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

MEASURE TO CHANGE NAME OF CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel (Bourassa) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-223, respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Trudel: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to change the name of the riding of Bourassa to that of Montreal-Bourassa, in order to eliminate the confusion arising from the fact that both federal and provincial ridings bear the same name without having the same geographical boundaries.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

JAPANESE OWNERSHIP IN CANADIAN MINES

Question No. 247—**Mr. Saltsman:**

Have any government officials given written or verbal assurances to a Japanese Trade Mission in Ottawa during the Summer that Japanese companies would be allowed as much as 50 per cent ownership in new Canadian mines in which they buy minerals and, if so, who are these officials?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): While discussions were held with Canadian Government officials concerning Japanese interest in investment in the Canadian mining industry during the visit of the Japanese mining mission to Canada in September 1970, there were no assurances, written or verbal, made by Government officials with respect to the subject of an acceptable level.

ARRESTS UNDER PUBLIC ORDER REGULATIONS 1970

Question No. 248—**Mr. Brewin:**

1. How many arrests have been made under the provisions of the Public Order Regulations 1970 being P.C. 1970-1808?