

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 5, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

SUGGESTION PRIME MINISTER NOT USE
GOVERNMENT-OWNED HELICOPTERS TO ATTEND POLITICAL
EVENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion of a most serious nature arising from a widely circulated advertisement stating that there will be a breathtaking display of aerial wizardry at a political picnic on Saturday with the Prime Minister in attendance. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That the House requests the Prime Minister to state whether or not the advertised "breathtaking display of aerial wizardry" to occur at a political picnic on the farm of Ontario Liberal leader Robert Nixon on Saturday will consist of the Prime Minister's descent from the sky with three government-owned helicopters at an estimated expense to the taxpayers of \$20,000 and, if so, the House requests the Prime Minister in the interests of the proper expenditure of public funds to cancel his tax paid arrival from the heavens in favour of a more proper and worldly procedure.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

PROPOSAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS CEASE USING
GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT TO ATTEND POLITICAL EVENTS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I too rise on a matter pursuant to the previous one of urgent and the pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of a reported plan to use federal government aircraft to take the Prime Minister to southern Ontario for the express purpose of politicking on behalf of the Ontario Liberal party, and in view of the fact that special arrangements were recently made to detour a government aircraft carrying entertainers for the Canadian armed forces to attend and entertain at a party given by the brother-in-law of the Minister of Justice, who is a candidate in the upcoming provincial election in Saskatchewan, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez):

That the Prime Minister and other government members be instructed to cease immediately the practice of using government aircraft for partisan political purposes.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I owe the hon. member for Leeds an apology. On hearing his preamble to the proposed motion I did not take it as a serious suggestion regarding the use of government aircraft. The motion before us does bring into perspective both motions which contain a serious element about the use of aircraft. Therefore, regardless of the gravity or otherwise of the matter, the matter is one on which both hon. members enjoy the right to have the question put to the House as to whether or not the House gives unanimous consent. Therefore I should like it to be considered that I am putting the same question to the House on both motions. Since both motions are put pursuant to Standing Order 43, they cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Beatty: Otto said no.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

TEXTILES—SUGGESTED RESTRICTION OF IMPORTS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I seek the unanimous consent of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to solve an important and urgent problem.

Considering the uncertainty of the small manufacturing industry in the clothing sector, and I have in mind the glove factories of my riding in particular;

Considering it is a labour intensive industry and plays a leading role in the Quebec economy;

Considering that massive imports in the field are slowly destroying the industry and raising the number of unemployed at an alarming rate, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the House order the discontinuance of manufactured products imports that are directly competing with our own production.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, it requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.