HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, October 20, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION OF INCIDENT AT EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion which arises from the low morale of the Department of External Affairs, particularly, from attempts by the Department of External Affairs to hush up an incident which occurred in the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs give a complete statement to the House of all circumstances and details involving an incident at the Canadian Embassy at Tel Aviv, Israel, and that the statement should include particulars of the threatened walk-out of members of the embassy staff, the immediate dispatch of a senior departmental official to investigate the problem, the recall to Ottawa of the ambassador at the time, Mr. Paul Malone, and the reasons why he will shortly be reassigned as Canadian Ambassador to Helsinki.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY OF TRANSFER OF HOSPITALS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): Mr. Speaker, I also rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion of pressing public necessity and importance. Concern of veterans' organizations about the transfer of hospitals to provincial and municipal responsibility, particularly in regard to hospitals not yet transferred, prompts the demand that veterans' organizations should be allowed to present their case to the government, in order that their point of view may be heard. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall):

That the matter of transfer of DVA hospitals be referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, to ensure that agreement is reached by veterans' organizations concerned to satisfy the interest of Canadian veterans.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HEALTH

DANGER THAT FOOD ADDITIVES MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion. As every day there is more evidence to suggest that food additives, particularly artificial colours and flavours, cause health problems in children, and as the Ministers of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) has not taken initiatives to look into this problem but seems content to wait for and then benefit from the results of American research, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Huron-Middlesex (Mr. McKinley):

That this House deplores the inaction of the minister in this area of danger to the health of Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL OUESTION PERIOD

• (1410)

[English]

AGRICULTURE

APPLICATION OF PRICE GUIDELINES TO MARKETING BOARDS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. On Thursday last the minister said he would try to arrange a meeting in connection with the application of the restraint program to marketing boards. Has the mountain, if you will excuse the expression, yet been able to go to Mohammed and, if so, what truth did Mohammed utter on the occasion?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, when I tried to call, the phones in his office were busy. When he tried to call me, my line was busy. Therefore, we have not yet been able to arrange that meeting.