

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 8, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED PROTEST TO NORTH VIET NAM AGAINST  
AGGRESSION IN SOUTH VIET NAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion regarding North Viet Nam's active participation in the brutal assaults now taking place on life and on property in South Viet Nam.

I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That this House urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to instruct Canada's diplomatic representative in North Viet Nam, John Small, to lodge a formal protest with the North Vietnamese government against its active aggression in South Viet Nam and its failure to respect the cease-fire and other agreements aimed at reconciling the differences in Southeast Asia.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. It 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.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent.

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### PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

PROPOSAL THAT PRIME MINISTER CHARGE FOR USE OF  
SWIMMING POOL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the consent of the House to move the following motion:

In view of the recent government announcement to establish a scale of fees for admission to national historic sites and to establish a scale of tolls for canals, in line with apparent government policy that those who use the facility should pay for such use, the House requests the Prime Minister to make a statement as to whether operating costs will be defrayed by charging an entrance fee to users of the lavish, luxurious and opulent \$200,000 swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive.

**Mr. Speaker:** Fortunately, I have the gravest reservations as to the urgency and pressing necessity of that motion.

[Translation]

### AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION TO SETTLE  
LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE IN QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on an urgent matter.

Because work stoppages in the ports of Montreal, Quebec City and Trois-Rivières are placing Quebec producers in an unacceptable situation, and because grain stocks will be used up within 48 hours, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner):

That this House invite unanimously the responsible minister to present to the House a solution, if need be a legislative measure, within 24 hours, to bring the situation back to normal in that field.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the terms of Standing Order 43, the motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

**Mr. Speaker:** As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

AMOUNT OF REDUCTION IN FORECAST OF RATE OF GROWTH  
AND DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance who said in the House on February 11 that his forecasts for growth for the year 1975 have been shaded down. Can the minister now tell us how much the rate of growth for the gross national product of 4 per cent, given in the November 1974 budget, has been shaded down?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I will be able to give that to the House on an appropriate occasion, but not at the moment.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Can the Minister of Finance indicate what he might consider to be an appropriate occasion to give this House the information which he thought it was important for the House to have last November?