

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 2, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROPOSED REFERENCE TO SUPREME COURT OF DELEGATION OF PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF MATTERS RELATING TO ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the decision reported in this morning's press by an arbitrator in the negotiations between the Ontario government and Ontario Public Service Employees' Union that the province of Ontario does not have the authority to act by order in council in delegating responsibility to the federal government for the federal anti-inflation program, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the government be instructed to refer the question of the constitutional validity of the delegation of provincial authority to the federal government of matters arising out of the federal anti-inflation legislation to the Supreme Court for a ruling.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION OF MILK IN SCHOOLS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

Considering that milk consumption in Quebec is lower than in Ontario and that milk must play an essential role in the feeding habits of our young people, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this government take the necessary steps to distribute milk in schools and thus promote milk consumption among young people.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing

Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

[English]

CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES ON ESTABLISHING SCHOOL MILK PROGRAMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the Canadian taxpayer is subsidizing skim milk purchases by communist countries in eastern Europe, and in view of the fact that many Canadian children have less than adequate diets, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instruct the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of Agriculture to consult their provincial counterparts with a view to setting up a school milk program so that any subsidization of milk purchases benefits young Canadians and not countries whose standard of living indicates their ability to pay the full price of the milk powder; and further that this House instruct the two ministers to report back to this House in one month.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

LOCKHEED CONTRACT—DATE OF SIGNING AND COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Defence I should like to put some questions to the Prime Minister. On February 29 the Minister of National Defence stated that Canada would proceed with the signing of a contract to purchase the Lockheed LRPA. However, Brigadier General L. Morrison stated on March 1 that reports of a government go-ahead were premature. Would the Prime Minister clarify this apparent discrepancy and inform the House