Native Land Claims

[English]

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT IN PROGRAM TO CONTROL BRUCELLOSIS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in view of the increasing incidents of brucellosis among dairy herds in Canada, particularly in eastern Ontario, which has resulted in the withdrawal of farmers from needed milk production, I rise to seek leave of the House to propose a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 on this matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Wise):

That the Minister of Agriculture be instructed to improve immediately vaccination and inspection procedures to deal with the serious outbreaks of brucellosis throughout Canada and particularly in eastern Ontario, that he give serious consideration to increasing compensation for herds already affected by the disease and further that the minister's programs with respect thereto be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for reassessment and review.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion 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 not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

REFERENCE OF NATIVE LAND CLAIMS TO STANDING COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the recent statement by Lloyd Barber, Indian Claims Commissioner for Canada, that the failure of the federal government to satisfactorily settle the outstanding problems of land claims has created an emergency situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That the whole issue of native land claims be referred immediately to Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion 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 not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

[Mr. Speaker.]

CRIMINAL CODE

SUGGESTED REMOVAL OF ABORTION FROM PROVISIONS OF CODE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. I am aware of Your Honour's concern about these motions being of a serious nature. In view of the publication on Saturday, October 26, of the results of a Gallup poll to the effect that 62 per cent of those Canadians surveyed state that the decision to have an abortion should be a matter solely between a woman and her doctor; in view of the fact that of those who initially disagreed with the above, 81 per cent would permit abortion if the woman's physical and mental health were endangered, and in view of the pressure applied by the Minister of Justice having resulted in very few hospitals establishing therapeutic abortion committees, I ask consent to move, seconded by my hon. friend from Sault Ste. Marie:

That this House request the Minister of Justice at the earliest possible date to bring in amendments removing abortion from the Criminal Code thereby allowing a full and important debate on this subject which would ensure the right of women in many parts of Canada to receive the medical attention which they need and which is their right.

Some hon. Members: No!

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have some doubt that the existence of an opinion poll in the country somehow changes the issue from one of general and continuing concern into one which could be classified as of urgent and pressing necessity within the terms of Standing Order 43. This, notwithstanding the fact that Standing Order 43 has to be liberally interpreted, in view of the requirements of unanimous consent. I cannot see that the existence of the opinion poll is a very significant factor in bringing the general subject under the terms of the standing order. However, with this caveat, I shall resolve the doubt in favour of the proponent. Does the House give unanimous consent to the motion being put?

Some hon. Members: No!

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

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants) moved concurrence in the first report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments presented to the House on Tuesday, October 29.

Motion agreed to.