

United States, be referred at the earliest opportunity to the Standing Committee of Agriculture for study and report back to the House.

Mr. Speaker: For the record, perhaps I might indicate that the hon. member has not been named. The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Kent-Essex. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 it requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to seek permission of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity concerning the need of the House to be able to respond at an early date to the second report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development relating to aboriginal rights. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Maurice (Mr. Chrétien):

That this House set aside Friday, September 21, 1973, for the consideration of Item No. 32 under Government Orders being: Resuming debate on the motion of Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands), seconded by Mr. Howard, That the second report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House on April 4, 1973, as amended by unanimous consent, be concurred in. And that, at 15 minutes before the ordinary time of adjournment, unless the debate be previously concluded, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion.

Mr. Chrétien: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member said that the hon. member for Saint-Maurice was the seconder of the motion, that being myself. He has not talked to me yet.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair was going to inquire whether there is a seconder for the motion. There does not appear to be a seconder.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, that was an oversight on my part. It is the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth) who is the seconder of the motion.

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I am glad the hon. member has recognized that my interest in the north is such that he confused the two ridings.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

Cost of Living

Mr. Howard: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in as much as the only person present on the other side of the House who said no was the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, perhaps he would explain why he does not want this matter to come forward for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the Chair might allow the minister to stand up and say that he was not one of the members who said no, but I think that would not be fair to the House and I think it is not fair on the part of the hon. member for Skeena to suggest that one particular hon. member said no. From the procedural standpoint, what is relevant is that there is not unanimous consent. In my hearing there was not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

COST OF LIVING—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek unanimous consent of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That in view of the fact that the government has not taken adequate measures to deal with the high cost of living and as a result, elderly and lower income Canadians are finding it almost impossible to exist, this House requests that the Prime Minister of Canada postpone his planned trip to the People's Republic of China and also that he not undertake any other junkets that may be contemplated, and in addition—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has indicated very often that it is elementary, the operation of Standing Order 43 being what it is, that hon. members should refrain from making allegations and often gratuitous statements in motions under Standing Order 43. The procedure has not made it possible so far to have a debate on motions proposed under Standing Order 43. I think this has been understood by hon. members who have generally refrained from making or resisted the temptation to include arguments in their proposed motions. I suggest that a motion couched in the terms proposed by the hon. member is entirely irregular and should not be put to the House.

Mr. Cossitt: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would therefore, with your permission, move simply as follows, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That this House requests the Prime Minister to remain in Ottawa and forthwith to direct his government in an immediate and full-scale attack on inflation by means of the essential anti-inflation measures proposed by the Progressive Conservative party.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford.