

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the proposed motion which requires 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. The motion cannot be put.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

DETAILED STUDY OF ABORTION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I rise to move a motion dealing with a matter of prime concern and national emergency.

In view of the growing opposition from the Canadian people to the liberalization of abortion and the lack of precision of the act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs be instructed by this House to consider the whole question of abortion and report to parliament before the end of this session.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is none, and therefore, the motion cannot be put.

[English]

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There has been a lot of controversy over the past couple of months regarding the use of Standing Order 43. Motions have been moved under this standing order today and in the past six or eight weeks that were designed to have the House express itself as the parliament of Canada on very legitimate issues. Many of these motions have been moved with no partisan intention.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lundrigan: There has not been unanimous consent because of opposition from five or ten members. We have a situation where the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid) has been designated to oppose such motions that are brought before the House. I have kept a record of what has gone on in the past couple of months. As a result of the action of one government member there is no opportunity for members of this House to utilize Standing Order 43, effectively.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Increase in Shelter Costs

Mr. Lundrigan: I respectfully request, Mr. Speaker, that the matter of the use of Standing Order 43 be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections and that some direction be given to the chairman of that committee to deal with this matter. Instead of having the matter drawn out for six or eight weeks or several months, as has happened with the subject of the question period which I understand has not yet come before the committee, direction should be given to that committee to report on the subject within a matter of weeks.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Was that a motion under Standing Order 43?

Mr. Lundrigan: I would like to move that as a motion but it would take a moment for me to draft it.

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HOUSING

INCREASE IN SHELTER COSTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43. This motion arises from the fact that shelter costs, as announced today, are up 6.8 per cent over a year ago and the related fact that only 20 per cent of the government's proposed spending on housing for 1973 is devoted to low income categories, with only \$2 million allocated for co-ops in spite of the fact that the Co-op Housing Foundation of Canada has estimated the need for co-op spending this year to be \$30 million. Given the obvious need for a much greater allocation of funds to low income housing and specifically to meet the anticipated demand of the co-ops—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to all hon. members that there are sufficient difficulties relating to the application of Standing Order 43, some of them being those referred to by the hon. member for Gander-Twillin-gate, that we might at least try to follow the practice established in recent years that hon. members limit themselves to indicating what the motion would be without arguing in support of it. I invite the hon. member to indicate what the motion would be on which he would like to seek the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Broadbent: I will do so, Mr. Speaker. However, I would like to add that I have taken no more time than others who have moved motions under this Standing Order today. I will come directly to this important motion. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert):

That this House instructs the three ministers responsible for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation capital budget, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of State for Urban Affairs and the President of the Treasury Board, to appear next week before the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs to explain why more money is not being allocated to this important area of social need.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!