Crown Assets

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear! Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC CLIMATE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to discuss an important and urgent matter.

In view of the high rate of unemployment, stemming from the progressive deterioration of all sectors of activity in our economy, which is creating a situation that could become disastrous over the short term, and in view of the fact that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) is starting to recognize that the growing recession in the United States influences us directly, and that most of the ministers, through their attitude and almost explicit statements, indicate that the situation has gone beyond their control, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the House of Commons be allowed to discuss now, without making politics out of it, the economic future of the nation, the emergency measures to be taken, the attitude we should adopt as responsible leaders, and the duty we have to inform all Canadians of the facts, to obtain their enlightened co-operation in order to get out of the impasse.

Mr. Speaker: Order. 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.

[English]

CROWN ASSETS

DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN NEWFOUNDLAND— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Property and equipment located in western Newfoundland, known as the Pinetree radar site, and valued at several millions of dollars was left to the Canadian government by the U.S.A. when they vacated that site in 1971. This valuable property, which contains buildings, hardware and sophisticated equipment, has been left unattended and unprotected to the point where it has been vandalized to an extent that can only be termed as disgraceful, due to procrastination by government

departments and agencies over their particular interests. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Carter):

That this House do order that the government immediately investigate the matter and that officials of the Department of National Defence, the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Public Works, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Telesat Canada be directed to make a decision over disposal of the property and that security services be established immediately to prevent further deterioration, and further that the province of Newfoundland be consulted as to the future use of the site.

Mr. Speaker: The motion having been 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.

[Translation]

MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—SUGGESTION MORE PROJECTS BE APPROVED—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very important issue which urgently requires immediate governmental action.

In view of the constantly decreasing number of housing starts, the thousands of layoffs in the textile and automotive industries, as well as the fearsome increase in unemployment generally over the past few months, I move, seconded by the hon member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the House examine immediately this serious problem and authorize additional credits for the Local Initiative Program, thereby permitting the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to accept more local initiative projects for the purpose of creating new jobs, and that the expiry date for submitting projects be postponed from January 31, 1975, to March 31, 1975.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to 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 not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[English]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)