

Alberta Representation
HOUSE OF COMMONS

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROCEDURE FOR ORAL QUESTION
PERIOD—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask permission of the House to present a motion under Standing Order 43. In view of the urgent and pressing necessity for adequate opportunity for backbench members of the House to raise matters of importance during the daily question period, and in view of the fact that the present length of the question period does not adequately permit this, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Clarke):

That immediate consideration should be given to lengthening the daily question period to one hour and furthermore consideration should also be given to designating two days per week on which 20 minutes of the one hour question period be reserved exclusively for members of the House who are not designated opposition critics and who do not sit on the front bench.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member raises a question of extreme importance and interest to all members of the House I am sure. A review of the procedures of the House, in so far as they relate to any opportunity any member may have, to put his views forward could be extremely important and of great interest. It is a matter of constant concern to all members, but I think in fairness the motion lacks the element of urgency or emergency which is contemplated by the rule.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

PRIME MINISTER'S APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF
ALBERTA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. This matter concerns the ill-considered actions of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) in appointing a member from the other place to represent without mandate the people of the province of Alberta. To deny a province its rightful channel of representation by election is obviously serious.

In recent days, however, the issue has developed to a state of urgency. May I remind this House that we are in a period of extremely tender federal-provincial relations. Nevertheless, the member from the other place who was appointed by the Prime Minister to act as a spokesman for the province of Alberta, has displayed incredibly weak judgment by making ridiculous and false statements in public about Albertans and the Alberta government. As an example, the pseudo representative has made statements such as the following—

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am persuaded by the hon. member that his motion has an element of urgent and pressing necessity. Perhaps he would like to put it to the House.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Malone: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That the Prime Minister repeal his appointment of the member from the other place as a spokesman for the province of Alberta, or alternatively, that he appoint him to a cabinet position so that he may be held responsible for his outlandish and false statements.

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.

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**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REPRESENTATION
ACT**

MEASURE TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION AND ESTABLISH A
COMMISSION TO READJUST ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-51, to increase the representation of the Northwest Territories in the House of Commons and to establish a commission to readjust the electoral boundaries of the Northwest Territories.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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**STATUTE LAW (SUPERANNUATION) AMENDMENT
ACT**

MEASURE TO AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES TO PROVIDE FOR
CHANGES IN PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS, BENEFITS, ETC.

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-52, to amend the Public Service Superannuation Act, the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, the Diplomatic Service (Special) Superannuation Act, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, the Governor General's Retiring Annuity Act, the Judges Act, the Tax Review Board Act and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

ORDER OF REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the Order: Government notices of motions:
February 13, 1975—The President of the Privy Council: