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should not submit argument in support of the motion which he is proposing for the consideration of the House. I am sure the hon. member appreciates that.

**Mr. Muir:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I just laid that foundation for the benefit of the newer members who were not here in 1968.

In view of the fact that the preretirement leave plan still provides the same amount as in 1968, and in view of the tremendous escalation in the cost of living that has placed such a burden on persons such as those under the preretirement leave plan, many of whom were forced into retirement, I would urge the government to take immediate steps to have the Cape Breton Development Corporation initiate a re-examination of the amounts available for both married and single recipients under the preretirement leave plan—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am wondering whether that is the motion, that the hon. member is urging the government to do something. To me that appears to be argument. Perhaps I did not hear the hon. member correctly. Perhaps that is the motion he is inviting the Chair to put before the House, but it does not appear to be in the form of a motion. I apologize again to the hon. member for having to interrupt him.

**Mr. Muir:** As I said before, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis), that this take place, that the government initiate a re-examination of the amounts available for both married and single recipients under the preretirement leave plan so that an amount can be made available that would provide to those in receipt of this allowance an amount not less than an amount equal to the purchasing power that was available when the plan was first initiated and, further, that an escalation clause be attached to the allowance to cover the actual increase in the cost of living on an annual basis.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member under the terms of 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 cannot be put.

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**TRADE****CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The matter of urgent and pressing necessity on which I rise is related to the story that emanated from Washington today to the effect that the government of Canada, in the present negotiations on the auto pact, has proposed the phasing

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out of the safeguards in that agreement. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Waterloo-Cambridge (Mr. Saltsman):

That this House instructs the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to negotiate for an improvement in the production safeguards in the Canada-U.S. automotive agreement in order to establish the principle that Canadians shall have, by agreement, the right to produce in dollar value that level in North American automotive products which we actually consume.

**Mr. Speaker:** This motion is also proposed to the House under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****ATLANTIC CANADA—CIRCULATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE BY PRIVATE CONSULTANT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I have a motion of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of an extensive questionnaire being widely circulated in Atlantic Canada by Nicolas Matossian & Associates, based in Brome County, Quebec, requesting information on service industries in Atlantic Canada by the end of April, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie).

That this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development and that the committee be instructed to inquire into all matters surrounding the appointment of the consultant, the costs involved, and the reason the inquiry is not being conducted by departmental personnel or the Atlantic Development Council.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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**BANK OF CANADA****AMENDMENT OF ACT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I wish to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that section 18 of the act authorizes the Bank of Canada to grant loans or advances to the provincial governments for periods not exceeding six months and that this period of six months is much too short to enable