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POST OFFICE

SUGGESTED INDICATION OF APPRECIATION OF EFFORTS OF
EMPLOYEES TO DELIVER MAIL IN LIGHT OF STRIKE
CONDITIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Because of the fact that the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is unwilling to take a poll of its membership by secret ballot on the government's final wage offer, which in fact takes freedom of choice away from its members and therefore causes undue hardship to all Canadians by resulting in the continuation of the postal strike, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Clarke):

That this House records its appreciation of the efforts of all those postal workers who are presently taking the initiative and the primary responsibility in delivering the mails to the public under extremely difficult conditions, and this House is assured thereby that the demonstrated ability of these postal workers to assist the public will attract other colleagues to their cause, and this House directs the Postmaster General to make known this record of appreciation.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

FINANCE

SUGGESTION THAT GOVERNMENT PROHIBIT ADVERTISING BY
FINANCE COMPANIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity.

In the light of the fact that we are going through a critical period due to inflation that reduces constantly the true purchasing power of Canadians;

That this serious situation should not allow financiers to take unfair advantage of underprivileged Canadians and that the lending institutions called "finance companies" make the most of the economic crisis at this time by using misleading advertising, trying to make people believe they will be able to solve their problems by borrowing money at high interest rates;

Seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte) I move:

That the House consider as soon as possible the possibility of abolishing all advertising by finance companies so that they can no longer entice Canadians to borrow beyond their means through misleading solicitation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. Therefore the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

OLYMPIC GAMES

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON ALLEGED POLICE RAID ON
COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity relating to our Olympic games, and I move, seconded by the hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley (Mr. Jelinek):

That the President of the Treasury Board or the Solicitor General report at the earliest opportunity, perhaps on motions today, as to persistent and, it is believed, reliable reports that the headquarters of COJO in Montreal have been raided by the police.

Mr. Speaker: The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

POST OFFICE

STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—POSSIBILITY OF UNION
ACCEPTING WAGE OFFER AND RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. Apparently the chief negotiator of the postal union met this morning with the Postmaster General. In order that this House can know whether there is any basis for the resumption of serious negotiations at this time, would the Prime Minister tell the House whether the Canadian Union of Postal Workers bargaining committee has accepted in principle the fact that the government's total monetary package is final and that no further increase is possible?

Mr. Paul E. McRae (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I will take note of that question and refer it to the minister.

STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON
SECRET VOTE OF UNION MEMBERS—POSSIBILITY OF
RESIGNATION OF POSTMASTER GENERAL IF GOVERNMENT
OFFER REFUSED

Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): My supplementary question is to the Prime Minister. Over the weekend the Postmaster General said that if there were a secret ballot and he lost, he would resign.

Mr. Broadbent: That is not what he said.