Rochdale College

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member for Lambton-Kent requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent under Standing Order 43?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The hon. member's motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

PUBLIC WORKS

CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a motion concerning a most urgent matter resulting from serious erosion on the St. Lawrence banks which is damaging properties and causing concern to riparian residents. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That this House request the establishment of a special committee to consider the legislation and regulations authorizing the construction of retaining walls and to suggest amendments enabling the Minister of Public Works to build the required walls where necessary and as soon as possible.

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 such consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent, therefore the motion cannot be put.

[English]
[Later:]

HOUSING

ROCHDALE COLLEGE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, when you called "Motions" I did rise to move a motion but I was not recognized. Perhaps you did not notice me, but I would appreciate the opportunity.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure hon. members will agree to return to motions for the purpose of allowing the hon. member to rise for the purpose of proposing a motion.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Stackhouse: In view of reports that Rochdale College, Toronto, was the scene this weekend of the eleventh fatality through falling from this high-rise, social monstrosity, and in view of reports that of 800 arrests in [Mr. Holmes.]

connection with Rochdale since January, 100 have been for drug trafficking, I ask leave of the House pursuant to Standing Order 43 to move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens):

That CMHC be directed by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs to request the receivers of Rochdale College to replace the present management and to evict the present tenants.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: This motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: There are many vocal "yeas" but there are also many vocal "nays". Since there is not unanimity the motion cannot be put.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

PENITENTIARIES

ESCAPES AND DISTURBANCES

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 26 I ask leave to move a motion to adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing specific and important matters requiring urgent consideration. These matters I have given notice of concern the penitentiary system in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta has given the Chair notice of his intention to request leave to move a motion to adjourn the House under the provisions of Standing Order 26 so that consideration can be given to the matter of the penitentiary system of Canada.

There is little doubt in my mind that the question raised by the hon. member is one of widespread and great concern among all members of the House. It relates, indeed, to the kind of situation that would normally be contemplated, I suggest, by the provisions of Standing Order 26. I would think there is a consensus among hon. members that an opportunity should be provided as soon as possible for the consideration by the House of this issue. The many questions asked yesterday during the question period are an indication of this general feeling.

At the same time, it is difficult for the Chair to overlook the fact that one of its committees this very day was seized with consideration of the matter, and this is evidenced by the fact that a report, which I have in my hand, was tabled by the chairman of the committee. I appreciate that there is difficulty in that a motion to concur in the report has not been proposed to the House at this time. It may well be that, in the minds of hon. members, by consent it would be better to have a debate under such a motion rather than have an emergency debate. I would think this could be arranged following consultation.