

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 10, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION—ALLEGATION UNION DUES USED TO PAY PRIVATE DETECTIVES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, concerning the current activities of the Seafarers' International Union. In view of the current state of unrest in the union and impending legal proceedings involving persons connected with it, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence):

That the Minister of Labour or the Solicitor General, or both, specifically investigate the present situation whereby union dues collected from SIU members are apparently being utilized to pay two Toronto private investigators, Terry O'Reilly and Max Chikofsky, to trail and keep under surveillance dissident SIU members such as Jack "Black Jack" Raffick—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacKay: I am glad you enjoy it.

—thus in effect leading to the situation where members of the union are being made to pay for the privilege of being kept under surveillance by their own union, a situation which I suggest may be incompatible with the provisions of section 185 of the Canada Labour Code.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion. It 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.

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

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

SUGGESTION SWIMMING POOL NOT BE HEATED—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 move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity in accordance with the government's

request to conserve energy and in accordance with the necessity of fighting inflation and business and industrial recession. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That in the opinion of the House for two reasons the \$200,000 swimming pool under construction at 24 Sussex Drive should not be heated, namely in the interests of conserving energy and also because the lack of government policies to fight inflation and recession have placed the Prime Minister in enough hot water already.

Mr. Speaker: With the greatest respect to the hon. member, and even in the light of my earlier remarks about giving hon. members the benefit of the doubt concerning the qualifications of urgent and pressing necessity as required by the rule, I am afraid I cannot bring myself to present this motion to the House.

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AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT

AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY AND BASE PRICE

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-50, to amend the Agricultural Stabilization Act.

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

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PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

ORDER OF REFERENCE OF STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order:

That the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization be authorized to consider the Standing Orders of the House and procedure in both the House and Committees;

And that the committee be authorized to include in its reports drafts of proposed permanent or temporary Standing Order drawn to give effect, if concurred in by the House, to any permanent or temporary change or changes proposed by the committee.

Mr. Speaker: This Notice of Motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under Government Orders at the next sitting of the House pursuant to Standing Order 21(2).