

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 22, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT IN QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Since the anti-inflation measures advocated by the government have contributed to increase the number of unemployed in Quebec and since conditions are worsening, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House urge the government to review immediately its anti-inflation policy and launch an extensive public works program in co-operation with provinces and municipalities to control the rise of unemployment in Canada and in Quebec.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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### ENERGY

SUGGESTED STUDY OF THE POSSIBLE USE OF WIND AS SOURCE OF ENERGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on an important matter of pressing necessity.

Since the search for traditional oil resources has declined more rapidly than the National Energy Board had anticipated; since in 1976, wind power appears again as a replacement solution, especially for a country such as ours where the winter season limits solar energy potentialities; considering also that the wind power potential of wind, this phenomenon caused by changes in density, pressure

and temperature of the atmosphere, is colossal; I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House request the government to effect as soon as possible a complete inventory of the wind resources in Canada and establish the true potential of wind power since the age of cheap petroleum is ended and that of petroleum is nearing its end.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Pursuant to 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 therefore cannot be put.

● (1410)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

POSSIBILITY CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS REQUESTED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON MEASURES TO CONTROL INFLATION

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Labour. During this morning's meeting with the cabinet, Mr. Morris made an extremely strong protest that the so-called consensus talks which took place over many months were bilateral only and that labour never had a chance to enter into discussions with other sectors of the economy and government together. In view of Mr. Morris' statement this morning that you will never get agreement until all the players are in the ball park, can the minister advise whether throughout the series of meetings between government and labour up to the announcement of controls the Canadian Labour Congress requested, directly or indirectly, multilateral discussions on steps to control inflation? If so, why were such multilateral meetings not arranged by the government?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I do not recall the CLC, at any time during the consensus discussions, requesting multilateral discussions. I might say that aside from the discussions to do with inflation, the Canadian Labour Relations Council, by its very nature, has all the players in the ball park; the employers, the unions and government have been meeting on an ongoing basis to devise ways of improving the present collective bargaining system.