HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 4, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

DISABILITY PENSIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek unanimous consent to move a motion under Standing Order 43. Having regard to the persistent delays in applications for veterans disability pensions being dealt with by the Pension Commission, and as the entitlement and review board work load has reached emergency proportions, and consideration must be given to a means of speeding up the process, particularly for those veterans who are in their late years, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Madill):

That the matter be immediately referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs to review those clauses in the legislation, and particularly the benefit of the doubt clause and as well the shortage of administrative personnel, to relieve the excessive waiting period which is causing hardship to many thousands of veterans.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

POLICY REVIEW STUDIES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I am rising under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the recent indiscretions committed by the Globe and Mail and Le Soleil in respect of confidential studies of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That the House recommend to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to consider prompt release of the complete set of recently prepared studies in his department dealing with policy

review of the Atlantic region, the prairie region and the Pacific region before the daily press gets its hands on these reports, thus ripping off the taxpayers of Canada by publishing the government's confidential documents.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

CUSTOMS ACT

AMENDMENT TO MAKE ALL GOODS APPEARING ON SHIP'S INWARD REPORT DUTIABLE EVEN IF NOT LANDED

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-189, to amend the Customs Act.

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

[Translation]

CANADA PENSION PLAN

CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF CERTAIN RELIGIOUS SECTS, INTEREST RATE ON LATE REMITTANCES, LEGAL EXPENSES

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-190, to amend the Canada Pension Plan.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Text]

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION—SALE OF AIRCRAFT

Question No. 832-Mr. Stevens:

1. Has the Canadian Commercial Corporation paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund the \$17,111,554 (\$2,651,000 in accounts payable and \$14,460,554 in advances from customers) received by