

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 20, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GRAIN

SUGGESTED PARTICIPATION OF ORGANIZED LABOUR IN NEGOTIATION OF SALES CONTRACTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. My motion concerns the sale and delivery of our grain to foreign customers. The foreign exchange earned by our grain sales abroad is vital to our economy at any time; these sales are especially vital when this country is running a present trade deficit which economists forecast can only worsen. Recent failures to meet our delivery commitments due to lawful strikes within Canada in grain delivery operations have seriously hurt our grain sales efforts; already foreign buyers have gone to rival producers. Not only has our whole economy been injured but our farmer-producers have had to pay millions of dollars in demurrage charges.

In a matter so important to all Canadians, we cannot afford labour-management confrontations where there are no winners, only losers. I suggest that organized labour must be made a party to our international grain sale negotiations. Therefore I propose to move, seconded by the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton):

That the government immediately invite organized labour to participate as a party in contract negotiations for the sale of Canadian grain to foreign buyers, to the end that grain movement is guaranteed to meet delivery commitments to foreign purchasers despite any lawful strike.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

SUGGESTED FEDERAL ACTION TO END UNCERTAINTY OF GAMES BEING HELD IN CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I too would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43. As there are no less than six federal depart-

ments already involved in the Olympic Games, and continuing problems threaten the very existence of the games in Canada, be they due to union blackmail or escalating deficits, and because of statements being made by members of the International Olympic Committee that the probability of the games moving to Mexico is in fact becoming a reality, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That in order to protect the government's involvement in the games and Canada's very own credibility, the government use its powers to involve itself directly in meetings with the IOC now being held in Lausanne, assess the over-all situation, and take direct action in bringing the existing uncertainty and chaos to an end.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

UNITED AIRCRAFT—SUGGESTED REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANTS IF WORK NOT RESUMED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that tomorrow, May 21, the QFL is to hold a study session in protest against the Quebec government's inaction with regard to the 20-month-old strike of United Aircraft workers that has been causing irreparable damage to the families of those workers, on the one hand, and to the Canadian economy, on the other hand, therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan):

That the House consider immediately what amounts have been paid to this company by different federal departments and what action should be taken to oblige that same company to reimburse the sums received within two weeks, if work has not resumed normally at the plants in Longueuil.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.