

*Public Works*

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

## FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

WESTERN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE—  
TABLING OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2) I should like to table in English and in French the initial background papers for the Western Economic Opportunities Conference. Further background documents will be tabled next week.

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[Translation]

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

The matter in question is the ice and wave damage done to properties on the shores of the St. Lawrence, particularly in Bellechasse, and in general in Kamouraska, Charlevoix and Lotbinière constituencies which are especially affected by the present policy, the absence of retaining walls or the existence of defective walls.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Would the hon. member like to state the motion he is moving under Standing Order 43?

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** I was about to do so, Mr. Speaker.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That the House instruct the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works to study this serious problem and to submit recommendations with a view to amending the present policy of the Department of Public Works concerning the construction and maintenance of retaining walls along the St. Lawrence.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under Standing Order 43 it requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

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

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[English]

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

SUGGESTED JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO RENTAL OF OFFICE  
SPACE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE  
MOTION

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion concerning the rental of office space by the Department of National Health and Welfare. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Beattie):

That this House instructs the government to initiate a judicial inquiry into all matters relating to the rental by the Department of National Health and Welfare of space at 255 Argyle Street in Ottawa from a company in which Mr. A. I. Rosenberg of Kitchener, Ontario, is a principal officer, including the relationship between Mr. Rosenberg, the Liberal Federation of Canada and Mr. Mel McInnes who was at that time special assistant to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Hon. members realize that motions proposed to the House under Standing Order 43 are subject to the rules that apply generally to motions. Hon. members know that they cannot, in the form of a motion, make a charge. I have some reservations about this motion which the hon. member proposes, and I am thinking of course of the aspect to which I have just referred. I would think that the House might want the Chair to take the matter under advisement, and I will advise later on whether the motion can be put in order to determine whether there is unanimous consent.

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## HOUSING

SUGGESTED MANDATORY ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AT FIXED INTEREST RATE—  
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek unanimous consent to move a motion under Standing Order 43. The matter of urgent and pressing necessity arises from figures released yesterday by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation which, in contradiction to the prediction of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) a week ago in this House, showed a decline of 5 per cent in urban housing starts for the month of June as compared with June of last year, and a virtually static position with respect to comparative figures for the six month period January to June. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Toronto-Lakeshore (Mr. Grier):

That this House instruct the government to take immediate measures to alleviate the housing crisis in Canada and, specifically, to introduce legislation that would make it mandatory for federally-chartered financial institutions to allocate a certain proportion of their annual investments to housing at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!