

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be presented for the consideration of the House only with its unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR ACTION TO DEAL WITH IMPORTATION OF MEAT— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Wise (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the recent beef embargo imposed by President Ford of the United States, and in view of the fact that the Canadian beef industry has been in a serious depression for a considerable period of time, more particularly in the last few months, and in view of Canada's sellout in respect of the Canada-Australia-New Zealand meat agreement, and, further, that because of the United States embargo the Canadian beef industry faces the very real possibility of even heavier volumes of beef from Australia and New Zealand, no doubt already in transit to the United States market, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That the Minister of Agriculture take immediate action to ensure that this product will not be dumped on our Canadian market and to place immediately, if necessary, a temporary embargo on beef from Australia and New Zealand and, secondly, that the minister implement a long overdue Canadian meat import law, and, finally, that he negotiate with his United States counterparts a longer term agreement having regard for historical trade patterns.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

SUGGESTED DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that for a year we have had 7 per cent or greater unemployment, I rise on this matter of urgent and pressing necessity to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls on the government to work out a detailed plan to provide for full employment, and that to accomplish this objective, plans be made to reduce the present high rate of unemployment by a specific reducing percentage

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for each of the next three years in the same way as the government set its goals for reducing inflation in announcing its anti-inflation goals.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF TRANSFER OF HOSPITALS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 in view of the fact that the wide and increasing protests over the transfer of veterans' hospitals to other levels of jurisdiction indicate that the policy is not working to the benefit of all veterans of Canada. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the whole matter of the transfer of veterans' hospitals be referred immediately to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, and that the committee be authorized to travel to those hospitals already transferred, as well as those under negotiation, to determine the inequities of existing transfer agreements.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can only be presented to the House with its unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE MINISTRY

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF CABINET REPRESENTATIVES FROM PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, let me begin by welcoming the Prime Minister back to the House and his demonstration that he is as usual in command of events. I wish to direct to the Prime Minister a question arising from the fact that the first reaction to the Throne Speech from that side of the House has been the resignation of the Minister of National Defence.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: In view of the fact that this resignation leaves the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta with only one representative in cabinet, a rather dubious one at