

*CNR Lay-offs***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO BREAK-IN AT L'AGENCE DE PRESSE  
LIBRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgency and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. Due to the dangers and inadequacies of a provincial inquiry into events involving the national police force and the conduct of a federal cabinet minister, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That, in the opinion of this House, the federal government should establish an inquiry to investigate all aspects of the break-in at offices of L'Agence de Presse Libre du Québec, including the circumstances leading to it, subsequent actions to cover up its occurrence, and the nature of the liaison and communication between the Solicitor General and senior officials in his department.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Pursuant to the standing order such motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**REQUEST FOR ACTION TO PREVENT LAY-OFFS OF EMPLOYEES—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter which is particularly urgent to a large number of workers in Moncton, Montreal and Winnipeg and I hope no one on the government side will say no to the request for the right to present this motion. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House calls on the government to make immediate representations to the Canadian National Railways to the effect that the callous decision to lay off nearly 5,000 employees, 1,950 at Winnipeg, 2,000 at Montreal and 950 at Moncton, for the period from August 8 to September 6, should be rescinded forthwith, and that the government report back to the House on this urgent matter within 48 hours.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Such motion can only be presented for debate pursuant to the standing order, with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Alexander:** Goodale said no.

[The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner).]

[Translation]

**FINANCE**REQUEST FINANCING OF PROVINCES BE STUDIED BY  
COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 seeking unanimous consent of the House on an urgent and pressing matter.

Considering that the funds lent by the federal government to the provinces through the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the construction of housing for senior citizens and low-income earners bear an overly high interest rate which, moreover, is computed every six months, which results in a considerable increase in the real rate of interest, and bearing in mind that the provinces borrowing from Ottawa under that program undertake to reimburse \$5 for each dollar borrowed on a long term basis, which makes Canadians from every province question the efficiency, equitability and profitability of the present Constitution, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That this House recommend that the Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs review that question and that program as a whole with a view to promoting that program so as to reduce the debts of the provinces towards the federal government and to spur construction in order to alleviate unemployment.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**SUGGESTION MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES BE  
PERMITTED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT BREAK-IN AT  
L'AGENCE DE PRESSE LIBRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that only the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer) can supply all the details concerning official knowledge of the 1972 break-in at the offices of L'Agence de Presse Libre, in view of the practices of this House which might be construed as barring questions to a minister with respect to former responsibilities and in view of the importance which this House must hold for the truth, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Supply and Services be permitted to answer questions about his activities as Solicitor General in relation to the break-in at the offices of L'Agence de Presse Libre du Québec on October 6, 1972.