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greater sadness that we learned of his death just after we had recessed for the Christmas period. I think one of the finest tributes paid to Wallace Nesbitt was the tremendous number of people who were at the very impressive funeral service held for him in Woodstock, Ontario, on December 24.

Sir, I join with the others in asking that you extend our sympathy to Wally Nesbitt's mother, to his sister and through them to the other members of the family and all those who were near and dear to him.

[Translation]

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, we all surely deplore the death of a member such as Mr. Nesbitt. So, on behalf of all members of our party, I extend to the family, the relatives and friends of the deceased our most heart-felt sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to extend our special sympathy to the Progressive Conservative Party which within a few weeks has been twice afflicted by the death of one of its members. And I also take this opportunity to add that the example of a man such as Mr. Nesbitt is one which all members of this House can follow with no qualms of being mistaken.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AGRICULTURE

TABLING OF REPORT ON 1973-74 FERTILIZER SITUATION

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, to table in both official languages a report on the 1973-74 Canadian fertilizer situation.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS THIS DAY

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the House that the first order of business today will be Bill C-245, and that at a quarter to five we propose to interrupt the proceedings, with the direction of the House, to deal with the divisions in connection with Bill C-203 concerning election expenses. Consultations have taken place and I understand that this procedure is agreeable. If that is the case, it might be ordered by the House.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, we are all in agreement with this procedure. Perhaps I might take this opportunity to point out that the discussions that have taken place have also included an arrangement whereby, instead of our having 13 recorded divisions, the number could probably be reduced to six or

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

seven. When five o'clock comes, perhaps this arrangement can be reported.

Mr. Speaker: Is it so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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POST OFFICE

PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF SATURDAY MAIL DELIVERY— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that Canada is one of the few countries in the world without Saturday mail delivery, considering the growing delays in mail delivery generally, and in view of the fact that many small businesses rely heavily on daily mail service to an ever increasing degree, I ask leave of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That this government immediately consider reinstating an all year round Saturday mail delivery service throughout Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity, so the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

MOVEMENT OF ALBERTA OIL FROM VANCOUVER BY SHIP— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. The matter of urgent and pressing necessity is the continuing risk of oil spills in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. In view of the decision to transport Alberta crude oil from the port of Vancouver in foreign-owned vessels of questionable seaworthiness, thereby seriously eroding the credibility of this parliament's position in opposing the U.S. Alaska tanker route, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard):

That the government forthwith cease this method of supplying the eastern market and forthwith replace this method of supply with emergency rail and highway transport until the completion of the Montreal pipeline.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, this motion