

have had to wait for the United States to make their decision before setting our own production.

Mr. Speaker, the right hon. Prime Minister himself said, not so long ago, that our GNP would reach \$102 billion this year, and owing to that gigantic production, our total national income, around \$72 billion. How can we possibly buy a \$102 billion production with \$72 billion? Instead of trying to reduce production, let us find the means of increasing the purchasing power with which to buy Canadian production. This would be an efficient way of fighting inflation and the ever rising cost of living because, for my part, I do not think the present measures will prevent it from going up further.

The implementation of this whole program will lead to new taxes that will be included in prices, and so, lead once again to an increase in the cost of production. There is but one thing to do: issue new credits through the Bank of Canada to balance the Canadian purchasing power with Canadian production: then we will have fought off inflation and the rise in the cost of living.

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[English]

INCOME TAX

TABLING OF REGULATIONS COVERING TAXING OF PROFITS OF MANUFACTURERS AND PROCESSORS

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I want to table, in response to a request which seemed to meet the consent of the House last week, the Order in Council giving effect to the regulation concerning Canadian manufacturing and processing profits.

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

LOWERING ELIGIBLE AGE FOR OLD AGE PENSION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I am asking for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since no provision whatsoever is made to ensure an adequate minimum income to people aged 60 to 65, and considering the very uncertain financial situation of couples in that age bracket and in cases where one spouse has not reached the required minimum age, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That a special committee of the House be appointed to study the possibility of lowering from 65 to 60 the age of eligibility to the old age security pension and to make the pension automatically available to a spouse whenever the other has reached the age of eligibility.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Unemployment Insurance Act

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent, therefore the motion cannot be put.

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AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO PRICES PAID WESTERN FARMERS FOR CATTLE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert), I am asking for the unanimous consent of the House to move the following motion:

That a committee of the House be appointed to conduct a thorough inquiry on the ridiculous prices paid to western farmers for their meat, especially beef, as those farmers are being exploited by the various slaughter houses that control marketing, set prices and bring about as they please a false meat shortage in Canada for the benefit of slaughter houses and to the detriment of producers and consumers.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR JOB INVENTORY

Mr. Frank Oberle (Prince George-Peace River) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-221, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the proposed bill is not only designed to provide Canada Manpower and the Unemployment Insurance Commission, or, more idealistically, a combination of the two with an inventory of all job opportunities in every field of endeavour, but it would also coordinate the efforts of the unemployed who are searching for work, on one hand, and industries, on the other hand, which are desperately looking for workers in most areas of Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.