

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 25, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

REQUEST THAT BOARD BE ABOLISHED AND CRÉDITISTE PRINCIPLES APPLIED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that in spite of the government's anti-inflation measures, inflation continues to play havoc with the economy of every region of this country, especially in the food sector, considering also that the Anti-Inflation Board's decisions contribute to reducing the purchasing power of Canadian workers faced with soaring prices, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House consider the advisability of abolishing the Anti-Inflation Board, which will cost more than \$13 million in 1976 while jeopardizing the social peace of our country, and consider the implementation of measures proposed by the Social Credit as expounded in Bill C-328, An Act to provide for emergency measures to deal with the inflation of prices.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to 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.

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

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REQUEST FOR PROVISIONS IN NEW AGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC FAVOURING SOUTH SHORE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an important and urgent matter.

Considering the very alarming unemployment increase in Quebec, particularly in the eastern area of the province, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House recommend to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion that at the time of the Ottawa-Quebec agreement, account should be taken of the disastrous economic conditions in the South Shore area, and that the economic needs of this area be mentioned in this agreement in order that the area might benefit from it and the number of its unemployed people be reduced.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

LOCKHEED CONTRACT—REQUEST FOR SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN REISMAN AND DEPUTY MINISTER

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of National Defence. I wish he would get here on time. In any event in his absence I will direct them to the Prime Minister. Yesterday the Minister of National Defence told the House that there have been conversations by telephone "with my deputy minister" on the subject of financing the Lockheed LRPA purchase contract. Outside the House the minister appeared to be rather confused over the substance and nature of those conversations but indicated both inside and outside the House that the telephone conversations involving his deputy minister concerned financial aid to the company as well. Would the Prime Minister confirm the substance of these conversations; that is, would they constitute an attempt on behalf of Reisman and Grandy Limited to establish financing terms for the LRPA contract.

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I was not a party to these conversations. I think the best thing would be to take note of the question on behalf of the minister or to ask him a little later when he is in the House.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): I would have hoped that, as a result of the minister's statements yesterday, he would have made himself aware of what those contacts were. In any event, the minister stated outside the House