

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, July 22, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GRAIN

PROPOSED DISCLOSURE OF EXPORT WHEAT PRICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the approaching end of the wheat crop year on July 31, wheat farmers are deeply concerned over falling wheat prices and they want to be assured that the export sales now and during the last year have not been at prices that will permit little or no return to them. Having the right to know, as Canada's competitors for wheat sales know at all times, the prices at which Canada is selling its export wheat, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That the wheat board officials should appear forthwith before the Standing Committee on Agriculture and furnish such information.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 43, the presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

SUGGESTED MEETING TO SETTLE STRIKE AT OTTAWA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and public necessity arising from the wildcat strike that is disrupting the movement of mail in the nation's capital. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Postmaster General or his representatives meet with representatives of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers in a co-ordinated and cooperative effort to resolve the issues causing the dispute and get the mail moving again.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

TRANSPORT

PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF SUBSIDIES TO PRIVATE SHIPPING COMPANIES SERVING NEWFOUNDLAND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity concerning applications that have been made to the Canadian Transport Commission for additional subsidies by the Clarke Steamship Line and further, applications have been made to the CTC for subsidies by the A. Harvey Shipping of Newfoundland, Federal Commerce and Navigation of Montreal and Newfoundland Container Lines Ltd. of Newfoundland. If these subsidies are granted, there will be a detrimental effect on the shipment of goods through the Port of North Sydney to Newfoundland, thus creating additional unemployment for the stevedores at the Port of North Sydney where the work force has been cut to less than half the normal number. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North (Mr. Coates):

That in light of the fact that taxpayers' moneys are being used to subsidize private corporations while CN marine ships are often tied up, lying idle, all further consideration of subsidies to the aforementioned corporations be held in abeyance until a study has been made to determine what effect such competition in shipping may have on the work force of stevedores at the Port of North Sydney and also the crews of CN marine operating out of North Sydney to Newfoundland.

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with Standing Order 43, the presentation for debate of any such motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.