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TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD

TABLING OF REPORT ON BROAD WOVEN POLYESTER, DOUBLE KNIT AND WARP KNIT FABRICS

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table in both official languages copies of Textile and Clothing Board reports on broad woven polyester filament fabrics, double knit and warp knit fabrics and woven fabrics of nylon or filament rayon.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO CERTAIN CLAIMANTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Many citizens of Canada who are unemployment insurance claimants and who are legitimately seeking employment in compliance with unemployment insurance regulations are being denied benefits as a result of lack of flexibility and compassion in realizing particular geographical problems and a lack of employment opportunities in certain areas of Canada, and as a result are being discriminated against by district officers who, through no fault of their own, must comply with government regulations which do not take account of the facts.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the government direct that the Unemployment Insurance Commissioner be dispatched with hardship pay to proceed to those rural districts in Canada to interview the many claimants who wonder about equality of opportunity for all Canadians, and that the matter be referred to the appropriate standing committee for debate and decision.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have sympathy with the proposal of the hon. member in the motion which he read pertaining to an important subject matter in this session. However, the provisions of Standing Order 43, I repeat, contain the specific words that the matter must be of urgent and pressing necessity. It seems to me that the contents of the motion refer to a situation which is not new but is rather a continuing difficulty. It has no element of urgent and pressing necessity at present. Accordingly, I must rule that although it is an important subject to be brought to the attention of the House, it does not conform with the requirements of urgent and pressing necessity contained in Standing Order 43.

*Indian Affairs***THE SENATE**

SUGGESTION GOVERNMENT MEASURES BE INTRODUCED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THAT SENATE BE ABOLISHED—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): I also rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity and one that is new.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Leggatt: In view of the fact that new government legislation has been introduced in the Senate with respect to the alteration of penalties for the possession and trafficking of marijuana, long awaited by the Canadian public, and in view of the fact that there is now ample evidence that this legislation will be further delayed in the Senate for intensive hearings in Committee, in spite of the four years study by the LeDain Commission and the expenditure of \$4 million of public money in that study, and in view of the urgency that that legislation come before the House as soon as possible, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House request that government bills generally be initiated in this House and not in the Senate, and that the House request that government legislation be proposed to abolish the Senate for presentation to this House at the first opportunity.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I may have some grave reservations about the validity of the substantive part of the motion, but there is no doubt that the preamble makes it qualify for consideration pursuant to Standing Order 43. Accordingly, I ask whether there is unanimous consent that the motion be debated.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at present.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTION INDIAN BANDS BE PAID MONEY OWING TO THEM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the distressing economic situation of Indian bands, the inability to secure funds in the Hobbema area for economic development and the failure of the government to provide funds rightfully belonging to these bands, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That the government take immediate steps to pay to the Indian bands their money in order that they will be able to honour their economic contracts.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!