

*Privilege—Mr. Reid*

ing in any department do not comply with the acts of the Parliament of Canada, they will be suspended for their acts.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I presume no other member wishes to contribute to this point. It raises, of course, a most serious question. It is not identical to, but is associated with, the other very difficult question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Laprairie (Mr. Watson) regarding the functioning of members outside this House of Commons, this chamber, and interferences with their capacity to operate in areas of this sort. As hon. members will know, by its very nature it raises an extension of the traditional position that has been taken regarding questions of privilege. I am examining the precedents carefully in respect of the alleged question of privilege of the hon. member for Laprairie, and I would propose to do the same with respect to this question of privilege and, as soon as possible, rule on the validity of both at the same time.

MR. REID—ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF COMMONS BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEES

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege which affects the rights of all members of the House. Unfortunately the matter only came to my knowledge a short time ago. I should like to raise the matter now with the possibility of arguing it more fully tomorrow. The question of privilege which concerns me is the matter of members of this House of Commons appearing before committees of the other place to make presentations to them on legislation which has gone through the stages of consideration in this House. I understand that there are procedures and traditions of the House that mitigate against this happening. I should like to develop my argument about this more fully tomorrow.

**An hon. Member:** Who put you up to that, John?

**An hon. Member:** Can't you leave Herb alone?

**Mr. Lawrence:** The only answer is to get appointed there.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Motions.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY PROBLEM OF BINDER TWINE SHORTAGE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to request unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the great difficulties experienced last year by farmers to get binder twine, and this even at exorbitant prices, and in view of the fact that sizeable quantity of hay could not be harvested and that there is a current shortage

[Mr. Chrétien.]

of feed with the result that cattle wintering costs have risen sharply, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House instruct the Standing Committee on Agriculture to study without delay what are the steps to take to ensure the supply of binder twine in proper time and avoid speculation by unscrupulous profiteers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the terms 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.

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[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN PENSIONS OF HONG KONG VETERANS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I am sure that many hon. members will agree with me that the difficulties being faced by Hong Kong veterans—and I mention also when added to the premature deaths of many of them—make this a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I trust that those on the government side, some of whom know about the motion, will agree to it.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall):

That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be asked to make a statement to the House, at an early date, indicating the intention of the government with respect to the unanimous request of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, made on October 22, 1974, that the disability pensions of all Hong Kong veterans who are out of the labour market be increased to 100 per cent.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion being proposed. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.