

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 3, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

ADDRESS BY COMMISSIONER IN WASHINGTON—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity superseding the one I read in the House yesterday on the matter of an alleged statement by Mr. Keith Spicer referring to English-speaking Quebeckers as "Westmount Rhodesians". I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North (Mr. Coates):

That the matter of the address made last Saturday in Washington, D.C., by Mr. Keith Spicer, Commissioner of Official Languages, be referred immediately to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections for a full investigation and examination and in order to permit Mr. Spicer to answer any charges that may be made, and that the said committee report its findings along with any recommendations it may have for further action to this House as quickly as possible.

Mr. Speaker: This motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 and 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 be put.

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[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

MEASURES TO ACCELERATE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a matter of national interest.

Since the media are inviting Canadians to contact the friendly advisers appointed by the Department of National Revenue to guide us on the way to complete our tax returns and since a large number of unemployed people have not received their payments for the months of November and December 1972, and therefore are in danger of losing their homes or their cars or having to move, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the House examine as promptly as possible steps to be taken in order that the Department of Manpower and Immigration be vested with authority to hire all personnel required to issue cheques refused by defective computers.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimity. The hon. member's motion therefore cannot be put.

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[English]

COMMUNICATIONS

BELL CANADA RATE INCREASES—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move, under the terms of Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That the matter of the rate increases granted to Bell Canada by the Canadian Transport Commission last Friday, March 30, be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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[Translation]

DOLLAR A YEAR BILL

MEASURES TO ALLOW PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO LEND
EXPERTS TO GOVERNMENT

Mr. Yvon L'Heureux (Chambly) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-169, respecting "dollar a year" men.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. L'Heureux: Mr. Speaker, in the interest of all Canadians, I move that experts in all fields of human endeavours become "dollar a year" men as provided in an act respecting "dollar a year" men. It would, therefore, be advantageous for the government to secure the services of these experts, in order to resolve today's numerous problems, at no cost to the taxpayer.