HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 27, 1976

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

OLYMPIC GAMES

SUGGESTION OLYMPIC LOTTERY PROCEDURE BE ALTERED TO AGREE WITH ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of false and misleading advertising regarding the Olympic lottery program in that unsold tickets have in fact been picked as winners, thus reducing the chances of those individuals who saw fit to support the Olympic program by purchasing their tickets under false impressions, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs be instructed to take steps to have the Olympic lottery program altered in accordance with its advertising campaign.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion being pursuant to Standing Order 43 can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Peters):

INCOME TAX

REQUEST FOR ACTION TO PREVENT TAX EVASION BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo-Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of statements by officials of National Revenue and by the former minister, Mr. Basford, to the effect that under existing tax laws multinational corporations operating in Canada are able to divert funds to subsidiaries outside of Canada, thus escaping paying hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes, and in view of the announcement by Revenue Canada that it has shelved plans to close these loopholes, I move, seconded by the hon, member for Timiskaming (Mr.

That this House condemn the government for its shortsighted approach to government finance as demonstrated by its refusal to close tax loopholes which cost the Crown hundreds of millions of dollars in foregone revenue and, further, that this House instruct the government

to undertake immediately whatever studies and monitoring programs are necessary to end this circumvention of the law.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

TABLING OF REPORT OF QUEBEC AND ONTARIO COMMISSIONS

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to section 19 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, Revised Statutes of Canada 1970, to lay upon the table of the House a certified copy of the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

POSSIBILITY OF MAKING GREATER USE OF INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE GRANTS

Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, has the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion devised any new initiatives, such as greater use of loan guarantees, to get more mileage out of industrial incentive grants now that his budget for industrial incentives is frozen at less than the Department of Agriculture spends on research?

[Translation]

Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the aid formula reflected in loan guarantees or industrial incentive grants is one of the rather interesting formulas the department is applying, however, not as regularly and frequently as it should perhaps do. Surely the hon. member's suggestion to consider this proposition as a way to increase our incentives and our aid could be examined and probably applied more generously.

• (1110)

[English]

Mr. Howie: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.