

S.O. 43

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

REQUEST GOVERNMENT ACT TO PREVENT STRIKES—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an extremely urgent and important matter.

Considering that the government has just tabled a piece of legislation which would prevent any postal strike during the electoral campaign so that such a strike would not disturb the basic democratic process; considering that democracy is democracy in name only when citizens are not properly informed; considering that this right to information is particularly important during electoral campaigns and that one seems to be imminent; and considering finally that the three major daily newspapers in Quebec have been paralyzed for six months and are not likely to be in operation during the next electoral campaign, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House inform the owners and unions concerned that it is very much preoccupied by this situation and urge them to show goodwill so as to reach a negotiated agreement as soon as possible.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

GRANTS TO PROFESSOR KONINGSTEIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 concerning Professor Johannes A. Koningstein, Carleton University, resident at 443 Echo Drive, Ottawa, who took a laser device to Moscow against a specific request of the National Research Council and the security services of Canada that he should not do this. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

In view of the fact that after this incident the National Research Council granted Professor Koningstein \$28,000 in 1976-77, \$31,000 in 1977-78, already \$32,000 for 1978-79, and authorized an additional \$31,000 for 1979-80 for a project involving physical-chemical research into the use of utilizing lasers, that the Prime Minister make an immediate statement as to whether it is the policy of the National Research Council to give thousands of dollars in grants as rewards to those who have in the past freely given, against government recommendations, highly developed and sophisticated scientific devices to the Soviet Union.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

REMARKS OF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY CONCERNING ECONOMIC
SITUATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner) is now more circumspect in his views and opinions, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this House endorse the statements made by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce in his speech of July 6, 1976, when he accused the Prime Minister of "undermining the monarchy, degrading parliament and placing Canadian society and the economic system in jeopardy" and request the minister to explain why he now aids the said undermining, degrading and placing of our economic system in jeopardy.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin).

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TRANSPORT

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF RAIL LINE IN SASKATCHEWAN—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Prairie Rail Action Committee set up by the federal government to subvert the Hall commission recommendations wants to close down the rail line between Liberty and Dilke, Saskatchewan. Since abandonment of this part of the Colonsay subdivision is unacceptable and would have a destructive impact on farmers and the communities of Penzance, Holdfast and Dilke, and since the Hall commission said that the line should be maintained and is required for grain service, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House condemns the Prairie Rail Action Committee for recommending closure of the rail line from Liberty through Penzance and Holdfast to Dilke which the Hall commission said should be maintained and placed under a prairie rail authority, and that this House calls upon the Minister of Transport to reject the PRAC recommendation and to bring forward legislation immediately to set up the prairie rail authority so all lines under its purview can be upgraded and turned over to the basic network to prevent the betrayal of these communities and subversion of the Hall commission report.