

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, January 22, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—EMERGENCY DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion with regard to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

This matter concerns the general critical unemployment crisis confronting the nation at this moment and specifically the disproportionate percentage among the youth of this nation, resulting in the critical social disorder and unrest manifested yesterday in Victoria and forecast in other parts of Canada.

With unanimous consent I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Lundri-gan):

That this House urge the government to immediately hold emergency discussions with the provinces to develop and implement an urgent plan of action to bring relief to the problem and that the House urge the government to bring in immediate amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Canada Assistance Plan to bring immediate relief to the unemployed and those in need of social assistance.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Peace River under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put.

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### HARBOURS

ADMINISTRATION RESPECTING SMALL VESSELS ON PACIFIC COAST—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave under Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity in the matter of small

vessel harbours administration on the Pacific coast. The urgency has increased every year since 1964. The necessity arises from the failure of the government to act since the report of an inquiry instituted by the Minister of Transport was received in the fall of 1967.

I therefore ask leave to move seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the matter of small boat harbours administration on the Pacific coast of Canada, including the report of the inquiry into this subject conducted in 1967 by Dr. T. G. How, be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications with instructions to investigate and report its recommendations for action by this House not later than April 1, 1971; and that for this purpose the committee be authorized to travel from place to place within British Columbia.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni under Standing Order 43. Unanimous consent is required. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

• (11:10 a.m.)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—IMMEDIATE AMENDMENTS TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT AND CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN TO EASE HARDSHIP

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the government will consider the immediate implementation of some temporary amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act, either in the form of a supplementary estimate or in the form of legislation, in order to ease the burden and hardship on unemployed Canadians who cannot qualify for benefits under existing legislation?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we are having some discussions with the provinces about the proposed legislation but until we have completed our discussions I do not think it would be appropriate to make a decision on such a proposal.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Would the government consider making immediate amendments to the Canada Assistance Plan in