S.O. 43

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

REQUEST FOR LOCALLY BASED FISH MARKETING BOARD IN NWT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that commercial fishermen in the Northwest Territories are most dissatisfied with the services provided to them by the Freshwater Fish Marketing Board, with headquarters in Winnipeg, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

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That the Freshwater Fish Marketing Board be replaced in the Northwest Territories by a locally based marketing board which can more effectively meet the needs of the commercial fishing industry in the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

GREETINGS TO HER MAJESTY ON TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HER CORONATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that today is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty the Queen, I move, seconded by the hon, member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That this House extend to Her Majesty, on behalf of the people of Canada, warmest greetings and sincere best wishes.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich).]

[Editor's Note: The House rose and sang God Save the Queen and O Canada.]

HEALTH

INSPECTION PROCEDURES TO ENSURE MEAT AND LIVESTOCK FREE OF DES CHEMICAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In 1974, the Canadian government banned the use of diethylstilbestrol or DES, a carcinogenic growth hormone which was fed to cattle to promote weight gain. I have just learned that "Radio Noon", a CBC Toronto program, has tested ten samples of beef liver, five Canadian and five American, from four different stores. Despite the ban, nine of these samples were found to contain DES with a level as high as 3,720 parts per billion. Levels as low as two parts per billion have been shown to be toxic in tests of laboratory animals. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House call for an immediate investigation of the inspection procedures for meat and livestock products imported into Canada and produced in Canada to determine the reasons for the failure of the DES ban and to make recommendations for any changes necessary to avoid a repetition of this problem.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate at this time requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

FINANCE

QUEBEC SALES TAX—GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Finance, who telephoned me this morning to describe the position he had taken in the unsuccessful negotiations with the province of Quebec yesterday regarding the sales tax question. The minister confirmed in that telephone conversation that the federal government continues to refuse the kind of direct payment to the provinces, particularly to the province of Quebec, that is sought by the National Assembly of Quebec and is accorded to every other province. The House knows that there is no regular tax transfer agreement with Quebec. Why did the Minister of Finance of Canada not accept a one-time only tax transfer agreement covering the \$100 abatement?