

ing 75 per cent of salaries, while the government official tells me that I cannot create such jobs, precisely because I am a member of parliament. The same thing can happen in other fields where there is no conflict of interest but misinterpretation by a government's officer.

● (1440)

It is in this fourth category, I think, that financial interests affect many members of parliament, and it is there, Mr. Speaker, that, according to me, the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) should have told us if he considers establishing an apparatus to supervise those four categories of conflicts and the participation of members of both Houses in corporations that are not of governmental nature, which almost never deal with the government, and which, at a given time, are forbidden to benefit from the same rights as the other corporations of their kind, but where there is no member of parliament involved.

It would be good to establish clearly in the bill the financial interests covered by the minister's statement, and the apparatus the minister intends to use for watching these conflicts whatever they may be.

Mr. Speaker, the introduction of this document is altogether timely. The minister draws the attention of all members of parliament and senators on a matter which, today, is debated not only here but in several countries, especially in the United States for the past seven or eight weeks. We would not like to see the same thing happen in this country. We want to take the required steps so that these things be avoided in Canada, but we must act openly.

There is one thing, in Canada as elsewhere, that should also be watched closer and I know that it is being talked about. It is the issue of election funds. A minister may write to big firms, even American ones, and ask for funds in order to finance an election campaign; then, there is certainly a conflict of interest, perhaps not directly but indirectly personal, because the interest of the minister's party is at stake. Then, it would be good to establish the required machinery in order to check the acts, the behaviour or the interests of members of parliament and also of political parties so as to give the people the certainty, the conviction, that their representatives are not corrupt but individuals at their service.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF BILL RESPECTING FAMILY ALLOWANCES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a most urgent question, namely the constant increase in the cost of living.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House proceed immediately to the consideration of Bill C-211 on family allowances so that the increase may become effective for the fall school term in September 1973, and so as to

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increase the income of low and middle income families and help them face the high cost of living.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The hon. member's motion cannot therefore be put.

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the bill appearing on the order paper entitled "An act respecting certain immigration laws and procedures" has been the subject of discussion through the usual channels. I understand there is a disposition that unanimous consent might be granted to waive the ordinary notice and go forward with first reading today.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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IMMIGRATION

MEASURE RESPECTING CERTAIN IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROCEDURES

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-212, respecting certain immigration laws and procedures.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

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ALLEGED THREAT TO CANADIAN TRADE POSED BY DETERIORATING INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring immediate consideration; namely, the urgent need for the Canadian government to set out its intentions and proposals with regard to the deteriorating international monetary situation and the threat to Canadian world trade therein.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!