

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, February 28, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FISHERIES

REQUEST FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF SALMON FISHERY—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Declining salmon stocks have necessitated government intervention of special restrictions on both commercial and recreational salmon fisheries this year. Since government management program restrictions dictate drastic effects on salmon fishing but do not provide for increased surveillance, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House orders that the number of river guardians be increased, commensurate with the number required to give adequate protection, and that the minister make a statement on motions outlining the government's plans to prevent uncontrolled poaching, which is the real reason for the decline in stocks.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

CONDEMNATION OF STABILIZATION PAYMENT TO COW-CALF
PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) on Friday last announced a miserly stabilization payment of \$10.27 for cow-calf producers. Since calf producers are losing as much as \$100 for every calf they raise, and many of them are facing bankruptcy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin):

That this House condemns the payment as inadequate and directs the Minister of Agriculture to bring forward revisions to the Agricultural Stabilization Act to provide for payments to cover the full cost of production.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DEATH OF RCMP OFFICER IN MEXICO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Marquette (Mr. Stewart), under the provisions of Standing Order 43, a matter of urgent and national importance:

That this House requests the Secretary of State for External Affairs to inquire as to the death of an RCMP officer from Swan River, Manitoba, while on vacation in Mexico, and to report to the House as to the circumstances surrounding this tragic episode.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of 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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[Translation]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST ACTIVITIES OF FORCE IN FLQ CRISIS BE PUBLICIZED—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Since the circumstances surrounding the events during the October 1970 crisis remain mysterious; since in a statement on January 9 last the Solicitor General indicated that in 1971 the RCMP had issued on behalf of the FLQ a release inciting violence; since that police force usually operates by infiltrating criminal groups; and since justice demands that the truth be known concerning that mysterious matter, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the Solicitor General report to the House on the activities of the RCMP in the FLQ terrorist groups between 1960 and 1970.