

against inflation and unemployment from top priority to number six priority be tabled and that the government forthwith ask for the confidence of the House of this attempt to reverse the previous decision of this House.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion proposed by the hon. member under the terms of Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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

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### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### PROPOSED REFERENCE OF DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise on a question of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact the government has suggested regional development will have top priority, and in view of the fact that only 21,000 jobs have been created in all of Canada in the first three and a half years of operation compared to 562,000 unemployed in Canada in 1972, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That the annual report of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member's motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. The hon. member's motion cannot be put.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITION REQUESTING STAMP COMMEMORATING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, I have been requested to present a petition signed by 778 citizens from my area requesting the authorization and publication of a commemorative stamp bearing a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, crowned, on her Royal visit to Canada this year. This petition is in accordance with government intentions, as stated by the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) on May 15.

### Princess Anne THE ROYAL FAMILY

#### ENGAGEMENT OF PRINCESS ANNE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Hugh Poulin (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of importance to this House and to Canadians. I seek the unanimous consent of the House for this motion. I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Guay):

That this House express its best wishes to Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, on the occasion of her engagement to Lieutenant Mark Phillips; our sincere affection to Her Royal Highness and best wishes for their continued happiness; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to convey this message on behalf of this House to Her Royal Highness.

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to indicate to the House that from my point of view we have more important things to do and the motion does not have my consent.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame!

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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

● (1450)

**Mr. Cossitt:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The motion that has just been proposed is similar to the one I put yesterday which the hon. gentlemen opposite did not agree with at that time. There seem to be those on the government side who, I feel, are interfering with the privileges of the House by hiding their mouths behind their hands to cover their nays when the House tries to express legitimate views on legitimate matters arising under Standing Order 43. I accept, of course, that Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent in order for the motion to be put, but I feel that the privileges of the House are being interfered with day after day by members on the opposite side when they cry no and remain anonymous.

The rules of the House do not permit a secret ballot, but in fact hon. members opposite are succeeding in doing this very thing by not identifying themselves when these votes arise. May I respectfully ask whether the Chair would consider the possibility of asking, in connection with proposed motions under Standing Order 43, firstly for the yeas and secondly for the nays.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I appreciate the suggestion that is being made by the hon. member for Leeds and it is one that has been made before. However, the practice is clear: what the Chair is required to do is to ascertain whether there is unanimous consent to move the motion. It is sufficient for this purpose if there is one nay. I wonder whether it would be appropriate to change the practice, call for the yeas and nays and count noses or heads. I think that the application of Standing Order 43 is complicated enough at the present time without making it more complicated.

The problem raised by the hon. member in connection with the present motion is somewhat hypothetical because there were clearly members who identified themselves in expressing a negative response to the inquiry whether