

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, October 28, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MANPOWER

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF WORKS PROJECT RELATED TO
GULL ISLAND RESERVOIR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that some 1,500 persons employed at Labrador Linerboard Limited in Newfoundland and by Woods Contractors have lost their employment in Newfoundland and in the Goose Bay area of Labrador, and in view of the fact that some three months ago the government of Newfoundland submitted to the government of Canada a proposal for a work project that would employ some 400 loggers for a period of four years in clear cutting the proposed reservoir along the lower Churchill River to be part of the Gull Island power project at a cost of \$5 million to \$8 million per year, and which clear cutting is insisted upon by environmental studies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) respond to the request of the government of Newfoundland immediately and advise them that the proposal is accepted and that the necessary funds will be provided from additional funding for works projects announced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) in the House of Commons last Thursday, and that there will be no further attempts by the government of Canada to delay an answer with respect to this work project which will result in a lasting benefit as well as employment where it is most needed.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION TO DELAY LAY-OFFS AT INCO—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of

serious and pressing necessity to seek the unanimous consent of the House to the following motion. In view of the fact that INCO and Falconbridge have acted neither in an accountable nor responsible manner in laying off some 3,400 workers in Thompson, Port Colborne and Sudbury, and in view of the fact that time is required for both the companies and the unions representing their workers to negotiate mutually agreeable solutions to avoid the layoffs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

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That this House instructs the government to immediately introduce legislation that would instruct INCO and Falconbridge to rescind the layoff orders to permit the search for solutions between the workers and their employers.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Rodriguez: The Liberals said, "no".

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PROVINCES, COMPANIES AND
UNIONS TO AVOID DETERIORATION OF MINING SECTOR—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, as there seems to be a conference between the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie), I am under the impression that I will obtain unanimous consent to present my motion.

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very important matter of pressing necessity.

In view of eventual lay-offs expected in the Quebec mining industry, especially in the case of Noranda Mines which is contemplating the reduction of its activities in Murdochville; considering the state of panic existing in the mining sector as a result of massive dismissals announced by the International Nickel Company of Canada in Ontario; considering also the wish often expressed to the government by Canadian mining producers to establish long-term planning for the mining