

ment of the readers of the *Maclean's* magazine of February 6, properly entitled, "Marc Lalonde: Wrong Man, Wrong Place, Wrong Time", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall):

That this House regrets the insensitive and insulting racial joke of the minister, advises the minister that he is next to go, and calls on the Prime Minister for dismissal of the minister and for disavowal of the gauche, ignorant and arrogant remarks of the minister who hopefully will be known as "Marc Lashort" as a result of his brief tenure as federal-provincial relations minister.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

LAKE ONTARIO—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PROTECT SHORELINE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the fact that record high levels of water in the Great Lakes have been extremely destructive this year and have already been the cause of much damage to public property and the cause of much hardship to private property owners surrounding Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte, the fact that these levels are being maintained at such a high level by artificial means in order that an extra kilowatt or two might be squeezed out, and in order to keep Lake Ontario as deep as possible for shipping, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Hees):

That the Minister of State for the Environment be directed to act immediately through the St. Lawrence Seaway authority to develop a plan for shoreline protection and beach erosion control along Lake Ontario and report on such plan to this House as soon as possible.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GRAIN

REQUESTED STUDY OF GRAIN HANDLING PRACTICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to raise an urgent matter. In view of the fact that the export of grain is so important to counteract Canada's balance of trade deficit, as well as being vital to the economy of western Canada, in view of the fact that 20 vessels are now waiting to be loaded at the port of Vancouver, resulting in mounting demurrage charges, and in

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view of the fact that apparently a Canadian Wheat Board delegation had to go to Japan to improve relations with that country because of uncertainty of delivery and loading ability, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That the entire matter of sales and loading of grain be immediately referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF EASTER SEAL TIMMIES

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the oral question period, I know all hon. members would want to join me in recalling the fact that as we roll around each year to Eastertime, we think immediately of the Easter Seal campaign and of the symbol of the Easter Seal, Timmy, who has been representative of that campaign in such a successful way in the past.

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This year, we are happy that present in our gallery are the Easter Seal symbols, in the plural. I say that with emphasis, because this year the Easter Seal Timmy is not one, but two—twins from Hamilton, Ontario—Peter and Paul Settle. I am sure they will carry on the very successful tradition of the Easter Seal symbol for a very successful campaign in 1978.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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VACANCY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, the Hon. Donald S. Macdonald, P.C., member for the electoral district of Rosedale, by resignation.

Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new writ of election for the said electoral district.