HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 11, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

NATIONAL SECURITY

EXPIRY OF PUBLIC ORDER (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT— TABLING OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TO PREMIER OF QUEBEC

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41 (2) I should like to table copies of a letter from myself to the Premier of Quebec concerning the expiry of the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act. The letter is dated May 7 and follows up the correspondence from the premier which I was asked to table a week or two ago.

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[Translation]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DEBATE ON FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING BILL
—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO
MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I raise an urgent question to which, in my view, the House must give consideration.

Considering that the situation of a large number of Canadian farmers is deteriorating day by day and that Bill C-176 can bring some relief or even correct the situation; and considering that it is the responsibility of Parliament to act quickly with regard to this serious problem, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Frontenac (Mr. Corriveau):

That the House should instruct the Committee on Procedure and Organization to study the possibility of establishing a reasonable though limited delay for the adoption on third reading of Bill C-176, and to report to the House within 48 hours.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Joliette. This motion, under Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

[English]

Is there unanimous consent for the motion proposed by the hon, member for Joliette?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

[Translation]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—INCREASE IN FUNDS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, on April 22 I spoke to this House of the enthusiasm, imagination and creativity of the younger generation as so abundantly demonstrated in the quality and quantity of the proposals submitted under the Opportunities for Youth program.

Last week, as agreed, I began to announce both to the students and the public at large what projects had been approved. To date, some 600 project co-ordinators have been notified that their projects will be financed by the government of Canada. Similar announcements are being made at the rate of some one hundred a day. As I already mentioned to the House, we hope to have this phase of the program completed around mid-May. To date, we have received more than 13,000 projects.

On April 22, I emphasized that the government would respond to the enthusiasm of youth and I am pleased to announce today that the government has decided to allocate \$10 million more to the Opportunities for Youth program. The government is aware that the amount does not fully meet the young people's requests but we are convinced that the vast majority of the many excellent proposals may now be approved. Furthermore, we count on being able to inform the young people whose projects may now be approved through this additional amount by May 25 at the latest. The Opportunities for Youth program, it will be remembered, Mr. Speaker, is based on the initiative of the young people and is designed to create new jobs and additional activities.

The government has presented a program to which the youth of our country has spontaneously responded. It is therefore obvious that the program truly meets the needs of the younger generation.

[English]

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, first of all I must congratulate the Secretary of State for accepting the suggestions made on this side of the House and elsewhere.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Hon, members over there have a short memory. I am glad that the government is expanding the funds for the program from \$15 million to \$25 million. As happens so often when the government finally accepts the advice of the opposition, its action is too little and too late.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!