

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 23, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED REVIEW OF SEASONAL TARIFFS ON FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity relating to the signs of spring, delayed this year by the heavy snows and other storms in the east, which have been so little in evidence in the nation's capital but which are manifest in the daffodils of my riding of Esquimalt-Saanich, made available in the lobby to all hon. members. With your indulgence I seek unanimous consent of the House to move the following motion:

That the Minister of Agriculture, in consultation with his colleague, the Minister of Finance, undertake a review of the regulations relating to the imposition of seasonal tariffs affecting fruits, vegetables and flowers imported into Canada so that the fruit, vegetable and flower growers in the garden riding of Esquimalt-Saanich, and elsewhere in the garden belt of Canada, shall be able to continue their commercial operations and provide those of us who have to spend so much of our lives under the snow in the east with the symbol of spring which the daffodils now available to honourable members so graphically provide.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion, if it were to be debated, would require the unanimous consent of the House pursuant to Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED USE OF SURPLUS MILK PRODUCTS IN EXTERNAL AID PROGRAMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an important and urgent matter, and I am sure that no member will dare refuse such a motion.

Considering that the Canadian International Development Agency manages a budget of about \$950 million; considering that current foreign assistance programs main-

tain underdeveloped countries in their underdeveloped position; considering that Canada has a responsibility towards underdeveloped and poor countries; and considering that, according to the latest statistics, industrial milk surpluses for the present campaign will reach 1.5 billion pounds, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That this House enjoin the government to take all the required steps in the nearest future to increase the distribution of milk products and by-products in underdeveloped countries, through the Canadian International Development Agency, with a view to avoiding as much as possible that the Canadian government use the quota system and thus refrain from penalizing overproducing milk producers on the pretext that we now have milk surpluses.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provision of Standing Order 43, the motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

SUGGESTED DISCONTINUANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCKHEED AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHER TYPE OF AIRCRAFT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. I refer to the proposed purchase of Orion patrol aircraft from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. In view of the fact that the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Richardson) has stated that the Canadian government is considering raising a loan of \$300 million from banks to help finance the production of Orions, and in view of the fact that the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, because of its wasteful expenditures on bribery and similar methods of securing orders, is in a shaky financial position and is unable to raise the necessary financing in the United States or elsewhere, and, further, in view of the fact that the necessity of purchasing such expensive patrol aircraft has never been demonstrated to the Canadian public, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House directs the government to discontinue forthwith its effort to raise such loans, and further directs the government to reconsider whether a refitting of the Argus or purchase of a less sophisticated