Social Security

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE STUDY OF DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since about 12,000 milk producers of the south shore area will incur a loss of more than \$5,350,000 for the year 1976-77, which represents 23 per cent of their income since this loss accounts for an average of \$4,458 per dairy farm which will force some of them to go bankrupt, and since this unfortunate situation is also common to all parts of the province of Quebec, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the House recommend the formation of a special committee which would undertake a sound review of distribution of production quotas for each province and actual needs for domestic consumption and would consider the economic and social consequences of losses incurred by milk producers.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon, Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore the motion cannot be put.

[English]

SOCIAL SECURITY

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSION AND LOWERING OF ELIGIBLE AGE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, this motion, which I move under Standing Order 43, is of extreme urgency to a great many Canadians. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House urge the government to include in its legislative proposals for this session of parliament a measure to increase substantially the amount of the basic pension provide under the Old Age Security Act and to make the pension available at age 60 to all persons not in the labour market.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

PUBLIC SERVICE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON FACTORS SURROUNDING DISMISSAL OF WALTER RUDNICKI—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my motion under Standing Order 43 is also urgent and pressing. It is in regard to a decision rendered by Judge O'Driscoll of the Supreme Court of Ontario on July 23, 1976 ruling against the government in the case of the wrongful dismissal of a senior civil servant, namely Mr. Walter Rudnicki. In light of the fact that the judge's reasons for his decision raise a number of serious questions about the improprieties and misconduct of at least one minister of the Crown, as well as the chairman of the board of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the deputy minister of urban affairs and other officials, and since the matter of government secrecy is also illuminated in the judge's decision and statement, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington):

That this House urge the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to avail himself of the earliest opportunity to make a statement in the House which would outline the course of action that he proposes to take to respond to this most serious matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

ALLEGED THREATS AGAINST THOSE WHO WORK ON OCTOBER 14TH—REQUEST FOR ACTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Simma Holt (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to propose a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43, and I hope I will get support from both sides of the House for my motion. Literally hundreds of union members, even their spouses and children, have come to my constituency office or telephoned or written to me to tell me of threats against their livehoods and even their families if they work on October 14. They tell of losing their democratic freedoms within our free democracy.

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I therefore move, seconded by the hon, member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That the relevant departments and agencies of government undertake an immediate investigation to determine the extent and degree of intimidation used to prevent rank and file trade unionists from working on October 14, 1976, and to identify any individuals who should be prosecuted for the use of threats of violence or other reprisals to prevent any person from working, and to prepare legislation to assure every trade unionist of the right to determine their own economic destinies through supervised free and secret ballot at all times.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!