

*Northern Affairs*

That this House congratulate the public relations officers of the Anti-Inflation Board for the adroit manner in which they have inappropriately taken credit for the board for contributing to these price reductions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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● (1410)

[Translation]

**ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT**

REQUEST THAT ACT BE REPEALED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to move an important and urgent motion.

Given the continuing difficulties that arise between the Electoral Boundaries Commissions for the provinces and members of parliament, since also the experience of implementing the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act appears to be inefficient, and since above all the principle of this act is directly contrary to the interests of Quebecers and French Canadians in view of our ever decreasing percentage of representation in this Parliament, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That this House recommend to the government the repeal of the present act and the preparation of another more adequate and more appropriate.

**Mr. Speaker:** 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.

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[English]

**NORTHERN AFFAIRS**

PROPOSED DELAY IN GRANTING PERMITS TO DRILL IN BEAUFORT SEA PENDING COMMITTEE STUDY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and ask for unanimous consent to a most reasoned motion. In view of the fact the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development made an announcement recently that the decision to grant or withhold a permit for off-shore drilling in the Beaufort Sea will be delayed for a short period, and in view of the expenditure of approximately \$150 million by Dome Petroleum in anticipation of a final permit due to

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the premature announcement of approval in principle by the government in March, 1974, and in view of the preliminary environmental studies, both private and public, which indicate a potential environmental disaster from such activities, I move, seconded by the hon. member for the Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

First, that no decision be taken to grant drill permits until the matter has been specifically referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development for study and report to the House, and second, that all correspondence between Dome and the government and all legal opinions regarding the government's financial liability for moneys already spent by Dome be tabled.

**Mr. Speaker:** Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

**HEALTH**

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY ON DRINKING WATER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since our drinking water is an ocean of industrial waste and may be harmful to the health of all Canadians and since, on account of that fact, there are many cases of poisoning each year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs initiate an immediate inquiry on the problem of the quality of water which is definitely very poor in Canada, particularly in the province of Quebec, and report to the House on the steps to take to solve this problem which is endangering the health of all Canadians.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to 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:** As there is not unanimous consent, the motion may not be put.