

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 2, 1976

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL PERMIT TO JAN MORCINEK TO
AVOID DEPORTATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In past years, the Government has given special consideration to individuals and groups of individuals from abroad in terms of the issuance of special ministerial certificates of acceptance into Canada, many of which were issued to self-proclaimed leftists from Chile who, at the cost of the taxpayer, were flown to this country, put up in Toronto hotels, fed, given spending allowances, clothing, job opportunities and all the other necessities. On the other hand, a 25-year-old Czechoslovakian political refugee, Jan Morcinek, who escaped from the Communist regime, who is currently employed and has all the necessary qualifications and guarantees for citizenship consideration, had his appeal refused by the Supreme Court this week and is being forced to return to Czechoslovakia where he could face imprisonment from five to 15 years. For humanitarian reasons, and for the sake of precedent, therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That this House instruct the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to issue a special ministerial certificate to Jan Morcinek in order to avoid his deportation.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the terms of the Standing Order, the motion cannot be presented in the absence of unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No!

Some hon. Members: Shame!

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[Translation]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

SUGGESTED INQUIRY INTO METHODS OF PREVENTING
VIOLENCE TO COMBAT POLITICAL IDEAS—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unani-

mous consent of the House to move a motion concerning an important and urgent matter.

Given the serious revelations made by former RCMP officer Robert Samson concerning the secret activities of the police to check the political activities of some groups and since strong suspicions remain on the role of that same police in FLQ cells between 1963 and 1970, and in order to fully clarify the actions taken to oppose separatism in Quebec, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau):

That a special committee of inquiry composed of representatives of all the political parties of this House be created to examine this matter and prevent that violence be considered as a means of fighting political ideas.

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.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

LOCKHEED CONTRACT—ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY FOR
WORK PERFORMED IN VIEW OF MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT
FINANCING

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Yesterday, the minister stated outside the House—and I am quoting him:

There was a misunderstanding but I would almost say it was deliberate by Lockheed since my negotiators tell me they were given a clear understanding that Lockheed could arrange interim financing.

Is the minister saying that the government is prepared to accept, or does in fact accept, liability for \$16 million worth of work which was commenced on the basis of a deliberate misunderstanding as we now know from the facts?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): We have tried to describe that in detail. That there was a misunderstanding is clear. We are now in a contractual or quasi-contractual relationship as described to the House yesterday by the minister responsible for the legal definitions, the Minister of Supply and Services. This