Motions Under S.O. 43

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Peace River. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Is there unanimous consent?

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

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF 26 INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN LAST 14 MONTHS

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House I would like to table in English and French a number of international agreements, to be exact 26, which have been concluded by Canada over the course of the last 14 months.

INDUSTRY

PULP AND PAPER—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Few Canadian industries have been faced with as many and varied economic problems as have confronted the pulp and paper industry. The effects of the accumulation of ills have been evident this year in a series of plant closings, temporary shutdowns and lay-offs. The industry has been hit hard in all provinces where mill closings are accentuating an already serious problem of unemployment. Despite the gravity of the problem facing the mills, which employ about 75,000 workers in Canada, the government has shown little interest in doing anything to aid the industry.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member knows that the purpose of Standing Order 43 is not to make a speech and argue a case. Hon. members know that in basic fairness, inasmuch as the Standing Order does not provide an opportunity for a reply, they should respect the spirit of the Standing Order and limit themselves to indicating the urgency of the matter. The hon. member is going beyond the terms of the Standing Order. He should indicate what the motion is that he proposes for the consideration of the House.

Mr. Marshall: I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Peddle):

That the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs meet immediately to consider the state of the pulp and paper industry in Canada, to recommend projects to assist the unemployed workers, and to recommend measures to restore capacity of the mills affected.

UNITED NATIONS

EXPEDITING OF DEBATE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, partly because time allocation is working effectively in this place I ask for unanimous consent under Standing Order 43 to move the following motion:

That the government of Canada urge the United Nations rules committee, or the relevant agency thereof which constitutes its equivalent, to limit time on debates to 20 minutes per speaker, except with the consent of the Chairman of the General Assembly or committees thereof, in order to speed up the work of the United Nations, and in order to stimulate interest in debate—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to address to the hon. member the remarks which I addressed a moment ago to the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe. The hon. member cannot argue a case. He has to indicate what the motion is.

Mr. Gibson: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the reasons for the motion are very short and, if you will bear with me for one sentence, I shall continue.

-and in order to curtail existing expense and delay.

Further, that the government of Canada, through all existing publicity agencies give this recommendation wide publicity throughout Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should respect the Standing Order. He should indicate to the House what the motion is. He may have been mentioning it up to this point but if so I did not understand. If he has done so he might indicate to the Chair that he has.

Mr. Gibson: I have done so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the hon. member. I did not realize that he was actually putting the motion at that point. Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.