

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, December 19, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SUBSIDY ON DOMESTICALLY CONSUMED WHEAT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the CPI released today shows an annual rate of inflation of 8.8 per cent, a situation that will get worse as we get into the winter months, with prices increasing in bread, pasta and produce, a fact which will weigh heavily on fixed and low income earners who have to spend a disproportionate amount of their income on food, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the government's consumer subsidy on domestically consumed wheat be phased out over a period of three years, in order to minimize its impact on bread and pasta prices which will increase anywhere from 16 per cent to 20 per cent as of January 1.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion for debate at this time would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR TRANSPORT

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES ORDER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43.

My motion is with regard to an important air navigation order known as the Aeronautical Communications Standards and Procedures Order relating to air safety and the Official Languages Act. After attempting for six weeks to get a report on this ANO, the minister informed me in writing on December 11 that for the period November 25, 1976, to July 23, 1978, 10,228 incidents of alleged violations of the order were reported.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That the Minister of Transport, on motions, explain to the House how this apparently irregular situation developed; what, if anything, is going to be done about the 10,000 plus incidents of alleged violations of the order and explain how he reconciles the development of this type of situation with his own duties and responsibilities under section 3(a) of the Aeronautics Act.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GRAIN

CROWSNEST PASS RATES—MEETING WITH SASKATCHEWAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Four months ago the Saskatchewan government offered to help pay the cost of extending the Crow rate to agricultural products processed in Saskatchewan if the federal government would guarantee the Crow rate for grain farmers and pay compensation directly to the railways, as recommended by the Hall commission report.

In view of the fact that the federal government has not yet met to discuss this plan with the Saskatchewan government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom):

That this House request the Minister of Transport to stop stalling and to meet with the Saskatchewan government to reach agreement to implement the Saskatchewan Crow rate guarantee plan.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.