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hand and they realize that the system is no longer adequate and does not meet the requirements of our present society any more, I move, seconded by the member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the government immediately consider the opportunity of reviewing our legislation on penitentiaries, the bail and rehabilitation systems and take immediate steps to provide better protection to our society.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under Standing Order 43, it requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such a consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF PROVISION REGARDING FARM WORKERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that independent farm workers are discriminated against by the application of rule 172(4), paragraph (b), of the Unemployment Insurance Act, providing that half the gross revenues from farming operations must be considered as earnings, and since for some time net farming revenues are hard to come by, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That this House instruct the Standing Committee on Manpower to look especially into this rule in order to find out to what extent it is unfair to this group of workers and to make the necessary recommendations with a view to amending it.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

[Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve).]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**EFFECT OF CORPORATE TAX MEASURES IN CREATING JOBS—
ACCURACY OF CONFERENCE BOARD FORECAST OF
UNEMPLOYMENT**

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance and of both acting ministers of finance, may I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister? As the report of the Corporate Tax Measures Review Committee indicates that roughly 73,000 new manufacturing and processing jobs will have been created during the period 1972-75 as a result of the corporate tax measures and considering that employment in manufacturing, according to today's labour force survey, has declined by an amazing 90,000 jobs in the last six months, is the Acting Prime Minister satisfied that the measures to which I referred have had any permanent effect on employment in manufacturing and, if so, how great an effect?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the answer is, yes. We believe they have had a permanent effect. We believe they have sustained investment and therefore built a foundation for continued increases in employment in manufacturing.

Mr. Diefenbaker: They seem to have built a foundation for further unemployment.

Mr. Stevens: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. As employment in manufacturing has actually declined, does the Acting Prime Minister believe that, without these measures, jobs would have declined by 163,000, instead of by 90,000?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker, not necessarily.

Mr. Stevens: May I direct a final supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker? As the latest conference board forecasts indicated that employment would be lower than the 7.1 per cent rate being experienced today, is the Acting Prime Minister now willing to concede that the conference Board forecasts for unemployment for the last quarter of this year will in fact be something in excess of 8.5 per cent?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I never engage in those kinds of prophecies. I admire my hon. friend who seems to be so confident of his own position.

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTIC REGION—SUGGESTED REVIEW
OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN VIEW OF FAILURE
TO CREATE JOBS**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion may I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister? As regional unemployment in Canada has increased—notwithstanding a slight decline in the national rates—especially in the Atlantic provinces where it has increased substantially, the rate in Newfoundland still being in excess of 17 per cent, is the government currently