

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, July 11, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### POLYSAR

SUGGESTED ACCEPTANCE OF CONCLUSIONS OF COMMITTEE  
REPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion is short and to the point. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That this House congratulate the public accounts committee on its report on the Polysar affair and further accepts the conclusions of the report urging the government to give prompt and serious consideration to its recommendations.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have consistently rejected putting the question on motions under Standing Order 43 calling for congratulations. However, urging the government to give serious consideration to certain recommendations perhaps adds another element. In order that the motion may be presented for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43 it will require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### SOCIAL SECURITY

PROPOSAL WIDOWS OF PENSIONERS AGE 60 OR OVER BE PAID  
TWO THIRDS OF JOINT PENSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that most aged people experience very distressing housing problems, especially affecting widows of pensioners, that the federal government should grant priority to those senior citizens, and that a new policy in favour of Canadians belonging to that age group has long since been overdue, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the House enjoin the Minister of National Health and Welfare to take the necessary steps so that a 60-year old woman who is unfortunate enough to

lose her pensioned husband may draw two thirds of their joint pension till age 65 when she would obtain the full amount of her old age pension.

**Mr. Speaker:** Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

### PARLIAMENT HILL

CONGRATULATIONS TO PERSONNEL TAKING PART IN  
CHANGING OF GUARD CEREMONY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. C. Douglas (Bruce-Grey):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity which I genuinely believe will receive the unanimous support of the House. Considering the magnificent spectacle which takes place daily I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier):

That this House extend its congratulations to the personnel involved in the Changing of the Guard ceremony composed of members of the Governor General's Footguards of Ottawa and the Canadian Grenadier Guards of Montreal and the regular bands of the Canadian Armed Forces for their contribution to a ceremony which has now become a colourful tradition of international repute in the national capital.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CORPORATION AND FOR DEFICIT—  
PROPOSED AUTOMATIC REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORT TO  
COMMITTEE

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, my question to the Prime Minister concerns the incredible statement he made in Vancouver about ministerial responsibility as it relates to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and AECL's \$290 million boondoggle about which we heard last week. The Prime Minister said this about this \$290 million loss:

If you are in a hotel and somebody down at the end of the line steals something from other rooms, it doesn't mean that the manager has to be fired as incompetent.