

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 21, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STATISTICS CANADA

SUGGESTED INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATION JOB VACANCY FIGURES MISLEADING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Minister of Manpower and Immigration having stated in the House on Friday last that figures released by Statistics Canada regarding job vacancies are misleading, and having stated further, outside the House shortly thereafter, that such figures are useless and ought to be looked at with a jaundiced eye, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot (Mr. Jarvis):

That this House direct the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to investigate the serious charges made by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and thereafter report to the House on motions.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion under Standing Order 43 can be made only with unanimous consent. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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CANADA PENSION PLAN

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO PROVIDE FOR PENSION EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, because all members of this House are said to believe in equal rights as between men and women and because the subject matter of this motion is urgent, I ask leave to present it under Standing Order 43. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House urges the government to bring in appropriate amendments to the Canada Pension Plan for the purpose of providing pension rights for homemaker spouses equivalent to the rights of those employed outside the home, and also to review all of its employee pension plans to the end that in all cases the pension of a surviving widow will be the same as that of a surviving widower, it being the view of this House that there should be pension equality as between men and women.

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Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No!

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FINANCE

ACTIVATION OF MORTGAGE EXCHANGE CORPORATION BY PRIVATE SECTOR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the government is reluctant to activate the proposed Federal Mortgage Exchange Corporation despite the assurances of the former minister of state for urban affairs that such a program would be operative by April 1, 1976, and in view of the fact that enabling legislation permitting such a mortgage exchange vehicle has been standing idle, now, for more than three years, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this House instruct the government to invite tenders from the private sector with a view to allowing the private sector to capitalize and activate the mortgage exchange corporation in the earnest hope that this would provide lower mortgage interest rates and more liquid funds for the housing industry in Canada.

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

Some hon. Members: No!

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SOCIAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR CHILD DAY CARE CENTRES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. R. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I, also, seek leave to move a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. In view of the lack of federal funds to maintain and expand day care centres for children of all ages, which seriously limits the opportunities of women with children, who want to work or who are forced to work out of economic necessity, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin):

That this House instruct the government to provide adequate funding for child day care centres.