

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, October 20, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADA GRAIN ACT

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT RESPECTING DEFINITION OF
"PRODUCER"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity under Standing Order 43. Whereas the use of producer cars is the only alternative available to farmers from being locked into the commercial elevator system; whereas a recent interpretation of "producer", as it appears in the act, prohibits two or more producers from combining their grain or rape to fill a producer car, which takes away the right from smaller producers; and whereas the Canada Grain Act has recognized this right of producers for many years, therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That this House request the Minister of Agriculture to bring in forthwith an amendment to the said section of the Canada Grain Act or pass a regulation stipulating that "producer" means more than one farmer, which has been the interpretation throughout the years until recently.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EMPLOYMENT

CALL FOR INCLUSION IN BUDGET OF EMPLOYMENT
STRATEGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, the calous answer of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) to 12,000 unemployed workers demonstrating at Queen's Park last Saturday was that his ministry would introduce a new national manpower strategy to take full effect in 1990. As this is an urgent and pressing matter, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration start burning the midnight oil, if he can negotiate for its supply, in order that his secret employment

strategy might be included in the government's forthcoming budget on October 28. Perhaps this would demonstrate that the minister appreciates the need for job creation now in 1980, not ten years hence in 1990.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NUCLEAR TESTING

CALL FOR PROTEST OF TEST CONDUCTED BY CHINA—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the cloud of radioactive fall-out from Chinese nuclear testing is now reaching Ontario and is, therefore, threatening to become a matter of national concern, and whereas no matter where it is, such fall-out is to be deplored as a further hazard to the human and non-human environment and as another sign of the world's self-destructive commitment to the nuclear arms race, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That the Canadian government be instructed by this House to protest the Chinese actions and to call on the Chinese government to stop all nuclear testing.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

PATRIATION—REPORTED REMARKS OF BRITISH MP—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Bud Cullen (Sarnia): Madam Speaker, I would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43. Given the fact that parliamentarians of any country and of whatever political stripe are welcome as guests in Canada, given the fact that Canada's hospitality in this regard is seldom abused, given the fact that British labour MP, Bruce George, is now telling us that unless certain action is taken by the Canadian Parliament, he and some of his colleagues in England will treat patriation as a sticky wicket, and given the fact that Canadian par-

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liamentarians are quite capable of managing Canadian affairs—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Cullen:—and, unlike Mr. George, we have abandoned the colonial mentality, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lambton-Middlesex (Mr. Ferguson):

That a message be sent to this British MP telling him that we do not wish to “let George do it” and that if he continues in his present vein he be asked to repatriate himself.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: No.

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PENSIONS

INDEXING PROVISIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): In view of the fact that the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) told this House last Friday that nobody on the government side could possibly have said no to my motion, thereby indicating that she supported it and gave me every reason to expect unanimous consent for my motion, therefore, Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I again move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the government give consideration to eliminating the eat-out portion of the cost of food for indexing purposes for old age pensioners, or, secondly, tying pensions to the poverty level.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I am not in a position to say whether this is exactly the same motion but I will put it again to the House. The motion, for presentation, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Collette said no.

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THE STEEL COMPANY OF CANADA

TRADING OF SHARES—CALL FOR INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that since June of this year approximately one-third of the common shares of The Steel Company of Canada have been traded and in the last week more than 250,000 shares have been traded in one day, I move, seconded

by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the government instruct that an inquiry be conducted to determine the reasons for the most recent, significant and unusual trading of The Steel Company of Canada shares and that particular attention be paid to the question whether or not this action in the marketplace reflects a possible takeover of The Steel Company of Canada by non-Canadians.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR DISPUTES

GIANT YELLOWKNIFE MINES LTD.—CALL FOR ACTION TO RESOLVE DISPUTE WITH UNION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that the strike between the Canadian Aluminium Smelter and Allied Workers Union and Giant Yellowknife Mines Ltd. is now in its fourth month, thereby causing considerable hardships to both sides of the dispute as well as adversely affecting the economy of the Northwest Territories, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the Minister of Labour make real efforts to resolve this unfortunate industrial dispute and, more important, introduce amendments to the Canada Labour Code to enable the territorial legislature to enact its own labour legislation so that disputes not of national scope can be handled at the territorial level rather than being under the jurisdiction of the federal government, which has neither the time nor the inclination to deal with these important yet local issues.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADA PENSION PLAN

CALL FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PENSION POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of recent and continuing reports from recognized pension experts that the Canada Pension Plan will be bankrupt in less than 20 years unless steps are now taken to increase contributions and revise the plan, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the House direct the government to create a special committee to review pension policy in general and the Canada Pension Plan in particular, to ensure that today's contributors will not be tomorrow's short-changed pensioners.