

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 20, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PENITENTIARIES

REDUCTION IN CHAPLAINCY SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Taking into account the statement by the Solicitor General Mr. Blais that no written notices of employment termination have been issued by the government regarding the reduction of chaplains in Canadian penitentiaries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That the Solicitor General make a statement on motions today outlining how it is that he knows nothing about a written notice of job termination received by Reverend Neil de Haan, chaplain at the Rockwood Institute and, as well, explain to the House what is meant by the policy given to the director at Stony Mountain maximum security penitentiary that the positions of chaplain and psychiatrist must be eliminated but the people, namely, the doctor and minister, must remain.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate at this time can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

REQUEST CANADIAN LIBRARIES RECEIVE CONTINUING SUPPLY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move an urgent motion.

In view of the government's proposal to cut by half the number of libraries in Canada able to receive government publications free of charge, and in view of the fact that it will be citizens in the more remote parts of Canada who will pay for this measure by being deprived of access to information, at a time in the nation's history when we require greater, not less,

communication, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin):

That this House instruct Treasury Board, in keeping with the recommendation of the government green paper on public access to government documents, to ensure the continued provision of government publications to these college and public libraries free of charge.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AIR CANADA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF SERVICES AND HIRING OF MORE PILOTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that as of January 7 Air Canada will substantially reduce its services, especially on routes serving remote areas; in view of the fact that the same corporation says that it is compelled to make those changes as a result of the restricted number of authorized landings for pilots; considering that those reduced services added to other ones are reflected by higher transport costs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang): first, instruct that Crown corporation to maintain its present services; second, deny to Air Canada the elimination of flights expected on January 7, 1979; and, third, suggest that the Crown corporation hire more pilots with a view to enforcing the collective agreement and maintaining that public service.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, that motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.