

Seafarers' International Union

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): This is an abuse of the privileges of the House.

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REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

On the Order: Presenting Reports from Standing and Special committees:

November 7, 1974—Mr. McCleave (Joint Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments):

That the Third Report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments, presented to the House on Thursday, November 7, 1974, be concurred in.

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I seek the consent of the House to withdraw the first motion standing in my name, and in explanation I would say that I understand the House leaders will decide on the two hour period, perhaps later this week, or at least sometime soon, regarding the debate on the other motion standing in my name.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has two motions on the order paper standing in his name and seeks leave of the House to withdraw the first of those two. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTED INVESTIGATION OF HIRING HALL PRACTICES OF SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, involving a matter of national interest and recent concern to this House. In view of the great emphasis placed on the activities of the SIU and the response of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro), and in view of the statutory prohibitions in the Canada Shipping Act against hiring hall practices, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That the Minister of Labour direct his officials to make public records and correspondence relating to complaints received from seamen, and further that the Minister cause an investigation in regard to Kenneth McGuire who is a dispatcher at the SIU hall in Montreal, contrary to Article XIII of the SIU Constitution in that he does not have the required sea time and other qualifications.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion. It being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

MANPOWER

SUGGESTED POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN APPROVING LOCAL INITIATIVES PROJECTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 which is both urgent and pressing. In view of documented revelations in today's press that the allocation of federal funds, under the Local Initiatives Program in 1972-73, was made by political rather than economic considerations in that Liberal ridings received nearly twice as much as opposition ridings, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House request that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration appear before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration, to explain and reveal the reasons for the allocation of funds for each constituency in 1972-73 under LIP.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some reservations about the subject matter of this motion in respect of its conformity with Standing Order 43; first, because the subject has been raised previously on several occasions in the House and there have been questions and answers with regard to it. I cannot agree that an allusion to a newspaper article puts an element of immediacy or urgency upon something which has been before the House on several occasions in the past.

In addition, I can perhaps place before the House or more stringent requirement in that on this day or on days of this sort hon. members might want to bear in mind that it is somewhat surprising to me to see on an opposition day or on an allotted day—although this is a special day when all parties in the House have agreed upon the subject matter of debate which is of some importance in this House, that being conflict of interest—a motion presented under the provisions of Standing Order 43 which would frustrate this arrangement and perhaps switch the debate to something else. Perhaps I am putting an undue construction on that, but it may be something that hon. members might like to think about in the future.

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AIRPORTS

ST. SCHOLASTIQUE—SUGGESTED REFERENCE OF POSITION OF EXPROPRIATED PARTIES TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with a matter whose importance requires immediate action on the part of the Canadian government.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That a special committee of the House be set up to study carefully the problem of the people who were expropriated at Sainte-Scholastique, whose payments have not been finalized, which situation has stirred their wrath and exasperation, and that said committee be required to report to this House by the end of 1974.

Mr. Speaker: Once again, while recognizing that the matter is important and of continued interest to this