

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 25, 1973

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

BROADCASTING

SALE OF RADIO STATION, CKSB, WINNIPEG, TO CBC— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, the decision by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to approve the sale of radio station CKSB, Winnipeg, to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Because this decision has created hardship for many ethnic groups and because of CBC broadcasting policy, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts for study and report to the House.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the hon. member's motion cannot be put at this time.

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INCOME TAX

CORPORATE MANIPULATIONS DESIGNED TO AVOID PAYMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from public concern about the amount of taxes paid by the Chrysler Corporation in recent years and from the Auditor General's recommendation for more stringent control to prevent corporate manipulations designed to avoid the payment of income tax. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Knight):

That this House do recommend an amendment to Section 247(2) of the Income Tax Act which would remove the discretionary power of the minister where two or more corporations are separated solely for the purpose of saving taxes and not for operational efficiency, and make it mandatory that such separation be not permitted for tax purposes.

Mr. Speaker: This motion, also proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43, requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put at this time.

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ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT

EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION TO ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC COASTAL WATERS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-186, to amend the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

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Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, it seems apparent that the United States government is going to move its Prudhoe Bay oil across Alaska and down the west coast by tanker while this government sits idly by and wants to see it happen. The purpose of this bill is to extend what the government has described as the finest piece of pollution control legislation in the world, the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act, to the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in order to protect our land from potential injury by what can only be described as an inconsiderate and irresponsible course of action by both the American and Canadian governments.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will take exception with the terms of the explanation given by the hon. member. It is not an explanation but a speech in support of the motion proposed by the hon. member and that is not in order.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.