

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 2, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

REQUESTED INCREASE IN TAX DEDUCTION FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity concerning volunteer fire departments in Canada, and the existing legislation under the Income Tax Act allowing volunteer firemen a maximum deduction of \$300 for honorariums received—a very low figure in light of existing facts, and of grave concern to many areas of Canada including my own in Leeds and Grenville from which I have received numerous representations.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

In view of the fact that countless volunteer firemen buy their own uniforms, pay for much of their own personally-used fire equipment, and lose numerous days' pay from regular jobs by being called away to fight fires at any hour of the night or day, the House requests the government to bring in immediately an amendment to the Income Tax Act raising the meagre allowance of \$300 to a higher and equitable figure more in keeping with reality and, finally, that the House condemns the government for this continued deplorable treatment and lack of respect for the indispensable efforts of volunteer firemen who comprise the greatest percentage of firemen in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls on the government to take swift and decisive action to guarantee that the aborted sea lift in Frobisher Bay, Northwest Territories, does

not cause hardship in that community, and that the government take immediate steps to ensure that the unloaded freight be flown to Frobisher Bay without delay and without cost to the people living in that area.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

COVERAGE OF FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the high degree of interest among Canadians in the three-day conference of first ministers which has just concluded in Ottawa, and in view of the sharp contrast between the gloomy coverage of the constitutional conference given by the CBC compared to the far more cheerful coverage offered by CTV news and other media outlets, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Goodale):

That this House request the Secretary of State to determine from the CBC whether the conference on which it has been reporting and commenting for the past three days was, in fact, the same conference as that being covered by CTV news and others.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

UNITED NATIONS' SUPERVISED ELECTIONS IN EMERGING
NATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of pressing necessity and ever-increasing urgency. Now that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Jamieson) has successfully negotiated the free, one-man one-vote UN-supervised election in South West Africa, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen):

That he take his five western nation show on the road and arrange similar elections in Angola, Afghanistan, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Dahomey, West Irian, Zaire and Zambia and any nation in between that lacks a recognizable parliamentary democracy.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?