

S.O. 43

That the House condemn the irresponsible position taken by the Leader of the Progressive Conservative party who, without any popular or political mandate, is already willing to negotiate the future of my country.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIONS THAT DANYLO SHUMUK BE ALLOWED TO IMMIGRATE TO CANADA FROM U.S.S.R.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It is well known to this House that one, Danylo Shumuk, a political prisoner in the Soviet Union, is in a seriously deteriorated state of health at a harsh labour camp in the Mordovian region of the U.S.S.R. We now learn, through apparently reliable channels, that Mr. Shumuk is dying of terminal stomach cancer.

Members of his family in Canada have repeatedly requested this government to seek the release of Mr. Shumuk so that he might be allowed to immigrate to Canada. I therefore, move, supported by the hon. member for Okanagan-Kootenay (Mr. Johnston):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs be requested to renew, reinforce and persist in diplomatic initiatives which will bring Mr. Danylo Shumuk to Canada so that he might enjoy the closing days of his life among friends and relatives.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

USE OF CASUAL EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada as recently as October 16 refused to hear an appeal by the Post Office Department concerning a Federal Court decision rendered in June, 1978, allowing 2,700 grievances on the matter of the use of casual labour in the Post Office, and in view of the fact that the Deputy Postmaster

[Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier).]

General told the Supreme Court that there an average of ten people were attached to each grievance, which meant that the grievances affected 27,000 employees and would cost the government more than \$2 million, and in view of the fact that this waste of \$2 million of taxpayers' money, as well as the hard feelings caused by forcing unnecessary grievance procedures could have been avoided if the Post Office had either obeyed the collective agreement in the first place or even accepted the decision at the first level of the grievance procedure, I move, seconded by the hon. member for the Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

That this House call upon the Postmaster General to make a public statement guaranteeing that his department will now follow the terms of the collective agreement in the use of casuals, thus improving labour relations in the Post Office and saving the taxpayers \$2 million.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

FISHERIES

REQUEST THAT SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES BENEFIT FROM SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an urgent and pressing matter.

Considering that the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment (Mr. LeBlanc) has announced that he will close the technical laboratories in his department and encourage private businesses to take over and since only the larger companies are likely to be able to afford these functions and that smaller ones will only have a limited access to these developments; considering also that most of the research must be done by the government as is the case in all countries of the world, specially since we have extended our fishing zones, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House urge the government to review its decision so that small and medium sized businesses might benefit from the advantages stemming from scientific research in the field of fisheries.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.