

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, December 9, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

CROWSNEST PASS RATES—CALL FOR EXPLANATION OF FUTURE POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 in view of the tug-of-war that is taking place between the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) and the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) over the Crowsnest freight rates. In Calgary, two weeks ago, the Minister of Transport said, "A task force on the Crow rates would be desirable"; one week later, also in Calgary, the Minister of Agriculture said, "There won't be any more studies done on the problems of the rail system and Crow rates". I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That this House call upon the government to get its act together, have its ministers communicate and forget their rivalries, and provide western producers with a single policy and a definitive explanation of its future intentions vis-à-vis the Crow rates.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DECISION RESPECTING INDUSTRIAL WASTE SITE AT SOUTH CAYUGA, ONT.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bud Bradley (Haldimand-Norfolk): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the province of Ontario has decided to place an industrial waste site in South Cayuga, without a realistic environmental study, without an environmental hearing and contradictory to the MacLaren report, which did not choose South Cayuga as one of the 17 original sites, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty):

That this House direct the government to investigate this decision and report to the House on the propriety and safety of this action.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND—CALL FOR ASSISTANCE TO REBUILD ECONOMY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas political stability in Poland and in eastern Europe in general could be undermined by any further economic hardships for the Polish people, and whereas the Government of Canada should take a constructive lead in encouraging stability, prosperity and peace, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House urge the government to help stabilize and rebuild the Polish economy; that Canada join with other nations, such as West Germany and Australia, which are willing to provide much needed food commodity credits and other economic assistance to the Polish people and government; and that the Prime Minister contact leaders of other governments to seek and co-ordinate multilateral economic assistance.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF FOREIGN TOURS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the executive of the parliamentary press gallery has proposed a motion to its membership opposing attempts by the Prime Minister to place limits on news media members travelling with him on future foreign tours and reaffirming a "no limits" policy on news coverage of the Prime Minister while he is travelling on state business, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):