

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 26, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

[English]

REQUEST TODAY BE DECLARED ARTS DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

HOUSE OF COMMONS

NEW MEMBER

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Paul McCrossan, Esq., member for the electoral district of York-Scarborough.

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion which, because of prior consultation, I believe the House will find acceptable.

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NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

Paul McCrossan, Esq., member for the electoral district of York-Scarborough, introduced by Mr. Joe Clark and Mr. James Gillies.

Considering that artists and members of the cultural community provide goods and services to the Canadian public in the form of entertainment, works of art and achievements of excellence; that these goods and services are provided at costs which are substantially less than their value in ensuring a Canadian identity; that 65,000 people are employed gainfully in the literary, visual and performing arts; that all Canadians benefit from the discipline and dedication which these people show toward their work; and because of the importance of culture and the arts in maintaining and promoting a sense of national identity and a common expression of national values, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Charlevoix (Mr. Lapointe):

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST FOR McDONALD COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity, inasmuch as the government has given terms of reference to the McDonald commission which include the question of ministerial involvement, knowledge or approval of Royal Canadian Mounted Police activities, but cannot absolve the House of its duty to consider the conduct of ministers of parliament I move:

● (1412)

That this House declare its support for those involved in artistic and cultural activities by declaring today, Thursday, October 26, 1978, Arts Day across Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is, therefore, moved by Mr. Symes, seconded by Mr. Lapointe:

That this House requests the Prime Minister to urge the commission to bring in an interim report dealing with this issue so that members can examine the accuracy of ministers' statements in that regard and decide if any action needs to be taken in parliament in the light of the evidence, findings and recommendations of the commission; and, further, requests that the interim report be presented in time so that it can be considered in this current parliament.

That this House declare its support for those involved in artistic and cultural activities by declaring today, Thursday, October 26, 1978, Arts Day across Canada.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I want very much to speak on this motion: first of all, to welcome the initiative which has been taken by the arts group