

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, December 12, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATURAL RESOURCES

OWNERSHIP TO BE VESTED IN PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The proposed constitutional patriation and amendment resolution, supplemented by the National Energy Program, has fostered and is continuing to foster apprehension in Canada, giving rise to questioning of the inherent values of the confederation bargain. Much of this apprehension is caused by the repeated suggestion that loss of provincial ownership of resources is at stake. To reduce such apprehension, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That Parliament, through the appropriate action of this House, reaffirm that natural resources within the boundaries of each and every province shall remain the property of the provinces, and furthermore, that the final address to Her Majesty on constitutional patriation shall contain a section affirming that no existing natural resources ownership rights shall be taken from or abridged in any province without the expressed consent of the affected province.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

ECONOMIC PROTECTION FOR FARMERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, the value of grain on the market has been down to the maximum allowable limit for each of the past nine days, forcing a 25 per cent decrease in value of grain; the price of feeder cattle this past week has dropped to \$10 per live hundredweight; the price of farm machinery may escalate by 20 per cent within the next 12 months; interest rates for farm loans are now between 17

per cent and 25 per cent. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

That the federal government develop economic strategies which will immediately protect Canadian farmers, so as to ensure their survival and to guarantee an adequate food supply for all Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of 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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BREAKDOWN OF VOTES HELD—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas there have been 38 votes in the House so far in 1980 under the Liberal administration, and keeping in mind the distorted and misleading statements made by Conservative members of the House regarding those votes, let the following figures act as reference points for truth in the future: the Tories have voted with the NDP 14 times; the NDP have voted with the Liberals seven times; the Tories, however, have voted 16 times with the Liberals.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): The NDP are feeling the heat.

Mr. Fulton: In view of the fact that the Tories vote with the Liberals twice as often as the NDP, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this day be recognized throughout Canada as tweedledee and tweedledum day, keeping in mind the dangers for Joe and the gang when caught by the Canadian public marching heel to toe, nose to cheek, and eye to eye with Pierre.

Madam Speaker: I fail to see the urgent and pressing necessity of such a motion.

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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

CALL FOR CONDEMNATION FOR ALLEGED MISLEADING OF
PUBLIC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On December 12, 1979, the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae) introduced a motion which led to the defeat