

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 12, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

MISSISSAUGA DISASTER—TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, at 11.45 Saturday evening, November 10, 1979, a CP train derailed. This train was carrying a number of jumbo cars containing propane, butane, caustic soda, other petrochemicals and, most dangerous of all, chlorine.

As a result of the derailment, there were a number of explosions and severe fires, and these fires are still burning at the present time. The Peel regional police force and the Ontario provincial police, assisted by police officers from metropolitan Toronto and other neighbouring municipalities, together with the Red Cross and other emergency measures' people, including the Mississauga fire department, took command of the situation. Because of the danger of leakage of chlorine gas and the possible rupture of the chlorine tanker, all of the citizens from my riding and the neighbouring ridings of Mississauga North, to a large extent Oakville and Etobicoke-Lakeshore, were evacuated in a peaceful and well organized fashion.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, since this emergency has been handled with such dispatch and confidence, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga North (Mr. Jupp) and the hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis):

That this House does extend its commendation to all those directly involved in attending to the emergency arising from a CP Rail train derailment at Mississauga, Ontario, particularly since as a result of their actions, there has been to date no loss of life, and that this House does direct the Minister of Transport to assure this House and the people of Canada that a full and impartial investigation will be held concerning this accident and concerning the transportation of dangerous goods.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. It can be put to the House for discussion at this time only with unanimous consent, pursuant to Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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AIR TRANSPORT

SALE OF DE HAVILLAND AND CANADAIR TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I trust that perhaps the consent that was provided before will be provided to my motion. The House was astounded last Thursday to hear the President of the Treasury Board announce his intention to privatize de Havilland and Canadair without consultation with Parliament.

In view of the fact that "Sinc the Slasher" is preparing a further list of potential targets—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Blais: —I move, seconded by the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia):

That this House condemn the minister's wanton disregard of Parliament, and that a reference be given to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs to review in depth this government's policy on the sale of Crown corporations.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

CONDEMNATION OF TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Pope John Paul II appealed to Argentina and Chile recently to make good on their promise to clarify the situation of those in prison, and since Amnesty International has documented the seriousness of the so-called "drama of the missing persons," as well as the thousands of political prisoners in these countries, I move,