

unanimous consent for the purpose of presenting a motion the necessity of which is related to an event that will take place later this day. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That the officers of the House be asked to make arrangements for the admission to the House of Commons gallery this afternoon at 3.45 of Madame Defarge, and that she be allowed to bring her knitting.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I would not think this is a motion which the Chair should be required to put to the House. I think the hon. member would agree with a ruling from the Chair in that direction.

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• (11:20 a.m.)

ENERGY

AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS TO CANADIANS—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I wish to raise a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Panarctic Oil Company, of which the government is the largest single shareholder, has recently brought in its fourth gas well which indicates the presence of a major gas field in the Arctic. This company is reported to have entered into an agreement giving certain United States companies first refusal of this gas despite the misgivings of the National Energy Board regarding the availability of sufficient natural gas to meet anticipated Canadian requirements. If there is unanimous consent I propose to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the whole matter of making Canadian natural gas available to the Canadian people at the lowest possible price and the role of the Panarctic Oil Company in such a policy be referred to the Committee on National Resources and Public Works with instructions to report back its findings to this House at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put.

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FISHERIES

COST-PRICE CRISIS, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to seek

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consent under the terms of Standing Order 43 to move a motion, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland), in the following terms:

That the present cost-price crisis in the winter season fishery of the Northwest Territories and the role of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation in this situation, as outlined by Great Slave Lake Fishermen's Federation in a submission to the Minister of Fisheries on November 24, 1971, be referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry for investigation and report.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEETING BETWEEN CANADIAN AND BRITISH PRIME
MINISTERS—TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister if he can tell the House what topics he wishes to discuss with Prime Minister Heath today and if he has received any indication from Prime Minister Heath of the topics he would like to raise?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in exchanges between officials the decision was put to us and we agreed that there be no specific agenda. The indication was given to me that on the British Prime Minister's part he would want to talk somewhat about Commonwealth problems. Particularly, he would want to talk to me about Rhodesia and the recent settlement for which they have been striving. We would want to talk about the British entry into the Common Market. On my side I want to report to him on Canada's progress in its negotiations with the Americans. We also decided to talk about Canada's position in some of the international moves toward disarmament in Europe.

Mr. Stanfield: I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he intends to seek the support of Mr. Heath for the Canadian position with regard to the floating of the Canadian dollar—I apologize to the hon. member for St. Boniface, Mr. Speaker—and the desire of the Canadian authorities to maintain an appropriate relationship between our dollar and the United States dollar? Does the Prime Minister intend to seek the support of Mr. Heath for the Canadian view?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated I shall be discussing at some length Canada's position in these international monetary problems, and I hope that my arguments will appear convincing enough that the British will want to support our position.

Mr. Stanfield: Will the Prime Minister be discussing with Mr. Heath the India-Pakistan problem and, in par-